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## VIGILANTES RAISE WAR CHEST

"LIFT BAN ON  
ARMS," SOVIET  
UNION DEMANDEngland, France Calling on  
Italy to Remove Troops  
From Spain's Soil

GENEVA—The Soviet Union presented demands before the League of Nations Council for the complete abandonment of the "non-intervention" policy toward Spain through allowing the unhampered shipment of arms and munitions to the legal government of Spain.

The action came as Britain and France had already served a demand on Mussolini that he join a conference to consider the withdrawal of foreign troops in Spain, implying that the opening of the French frontier would be the consequences of failure to do so. Later reports said that the anticipated refusal of Italy had caused England to modify its stand to demand only informal negotiations on the subject.

Opposing all attempts to end the "neutrality" system, the two fascist countries managed to forestall action of the League Council to adopt the British-French proposal of using the opening of the French border as a threat to force withdrawal of Italian and German troops. Governments sympathetic to fascism in a number of small countries abstained from voting, preventing the necessary two-thirds majority of the whole.

Only Portugal and Albania voted directly against the proposal in the Council. President Eamon De Valera of the Irish Free State, took the lead in mobilizing the group which supported the fascists by abstaining from voting.

British Ship Fires Back  
At New Submarine Fire

LONDON—Warships of great Britain went into action with depth bombs against a new submarine attack on the British anti-submarine patrol off the Spanish coast.

The British destroyer Basilisk was fired upon without warning midway between Valencia and Alicante. It replied immediately with depth bombs, which were ready for use. The admiral here could not say whether or not the counter-attack had been effective.

The attempted torpedoing was the first recurrence of the "pirate" submarine attacks since the establishment of the patrol following the Soviet Union's open denunciation of Italy as the country responsible.

The Nyon accord which set up the patrol, however, saw nothing of the defense of warships involved in the patrol, which are free to take their own measures of self-defense.

LONDONERS DEFY  
BRITISH FASCISTS

LONDON—More than 100,000 anti-fascists swarmed into the streets here Sunday, defying a virtual army of police to demonstrate against a fascist mobilization led by Sir Oswald Mosley.

The tremendous demonstration of anti-fascist unity, defying wholesale beatings by London police, preceded a significant official declaration of the Labor Party Conference calling for a boycott on Japanese goods and urging the government to put a ban on munitions and financial credits to Japan.

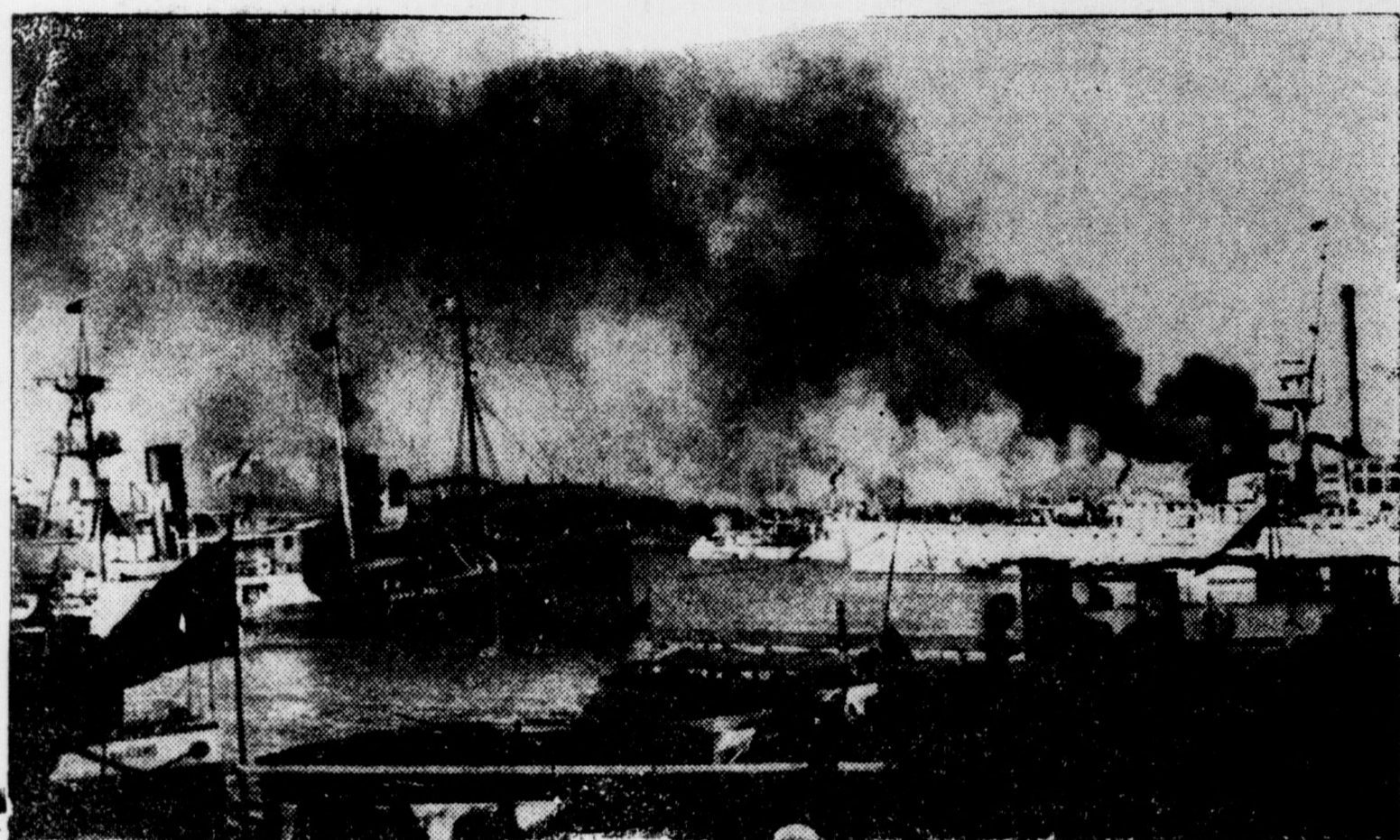
The resolution of the conference, passed unanimously, called on the government "to furnish medical supplies and other forms of humanitarian assistance to the Chinese people," and urged British citizens "to refuse to buy Japanese goods."

Mosley's crowd of 7000 was completely engulfed by the anti-fascist demonstration and Mosley himself was able to speak only after repeated attacks by police had sent hundreds of anti-fascists to hospitals and jails and cordons of police kept them away from the speaker.

## New York Woodworkers

NEW YORK—A Woodworkers Organizing Committee has been set up to organize 30,000 woodworkers and lumber handlers in Greater New York into the CIO Intl. Woodworkers

## Poolung in Flames From Japanese Incendiary Bombs



THIS PICTURE, taken from Shanghai's International Settlement, shows Poolung being virtually destroyed by Japanese bombers. The forward section of the U. S. S. Augusta is shown on the extreme right.

Chinese Defense  
Lines Move BackNew Fortifications Occupied; China Is  
Urged to Adopt Red Army's Tactics

SHANGHAI—Although Chinese defenders in this area had stood off a six-day offensive of the Japanese, widely pronounced the heaviest to date of the war against China, the defense lines were withdrawn for several miles on a portion of the front Monday. Their movement took place in orderly manner to already prepared concrete and steel defense lines.

The action followed shortly after appeals had been printed in the Chinese press to "follow in practice those policies which are at the bottom of the Shansi victory." The Shansi victory was won by the Eighth Route Army, formerly the Red Army, which was characterized by the Chinese newspaper Shih Chow Pao as having "proved that the allegations about a purported inability of North China to fight against heavily armed Japanese imperialism are utterly baseless."

While the short retreat was being made in the Shanghai area, the press reported that the Eighth Army was "mopping up" on remnants of a retreating Japanese army in the north. It had been allowed to proceed far enough to scatter and weaken its forces before the Chinese attack began.

American authorities in China were requested to move U. S. war vessels from the harbor of Chefoo, Shantung province, in order to allow for freer Chinese military operations against Japanese there. Reported that Chinese had "ordered" the removal

of the vessels were denied. Japanese dispatches from Peiping claimed that the invading army was moving southward on the Shantung peninsula, toward the Yellow River.

AFL Head Finances  
Company Union At  
Ford's In Richmond

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—The United Auto Workers is investigating a boss-supported attack on the strongly entrenched UAW local at the Ford plant here, announced Frank Slaby, UAW Local 76 president.

It was reported Edward D. Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, had turned over \$500 to one Craig, who has been active against the union, and who is said to have hired a paroled convict as a stooge to sign workers into the AFL.

"Members of our union have been told they can go to work right away if they sign with the AFL, though workers are now laid off due to preparations for a new model," said Slaby.

Strictly Personal  
--From the Staff

The first issue of the Daily Western Worker is less than three months off. It is time for all of us to begin a serious discussion of what our paper will be as a daily.

The staff has begun to consider all the problems, big and small, entailed in this undertaking and wishes to arrive at a solution through close consultation with the readers.

Some of the problems which require immediate consideration are:

1. A name. We are considering a new name for our daily. We throw this question open for our readers and all suggestions are welcome.

2. A program. Our paper must have a definite political platform. We want such a platform, stated briefly and concisely, one that could go below the masthead on the editorial page and proclaim to all what the paper fights for. To arrive at such a platform we want the widest discussion possible and invite all the readers to send suggested planks.

3. Form. Should the paper become a tabloid or retain its present size? What do you think?

4. In addition there are any number of ideas and opinions we all have. Each one may be valuable but the full value can be realized only through an exchange of these ideas and opinions.

We invite a full discussion of all these points. Our paper is different from others in that it is a people's paper. It can therefore consult with its readers on matters of policy. It draws its strength from this close consultation with the readers and we want a strong and powerful daily.

Your opinions, your ideas will help make it so.  
WESTERN WORKER EDITORIAL STAFF.

SEEK RELEASE  
OF C. S. BOYSHabeas Corpus Proceed-  
ings May Be Filed

SAN FRANCISCO — Habeas corpus proceedings will be filed within the next few days on behalf of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in San Quentin unless they are released before then by action of Attorney General Webb.

Webb, by delaying action of the state following the appeal court's reversal of the convictions, has kept the three behind the bars. George Anderson, attorney for the defendants in the absence of Attorney Leo Gallagher, announced the plan of the habeas corpus proceedings, to be filed in Marin County.

Mayor Acts Against  
Aircraft Strikers

INGLEWOOD—Indication that Donald Douglas has full cooperation of public authorities in attempts to break the strike at Northrop Aircraft, was given last Friday when Mayor Raymond V. Darby, again stepped forward as a "mediator."

Darby mailed questionnaires to all employees asking whether they would return to work under the "yellow dog" contract terms offered by Douglas. The document was composed of letters exchanged between Darby and Douglas followed by six questions and requests for answers.

Company Union Plan  
Douglas' letters state he "would enter into a contract with any responsible representative of the employees which provided that during the period of the contract the employees would not strike, seize the property, do any acts of sabotage, or carry on a campaign of slowing up work under penalty of dismissal."

The agreement is further hedged with the stipulation that the employees must post financial guarantees.

Scores Darby  
Last week Mayor Darby attempted to hold an election among the workers as to which union should be the recognized collective bargaining agent. This plan was dropped when Dr. Towne Nylander, National Labor Relations Board, stated an election would be invalid since an official election has already established the CIO United Auto Workers as sole bargaining agent.

We are getting rather tired of having Mayor Darby use the mayor's office and the city funds to drum up back to work movements and break this strike," said Charles Hollinshead, president of Northrop Local 229 of the UAW.

New UAW Drive  
In the meantime Douglas announced recognition of the company-inspired "Aircraft Worker's Union" as the bargaining agent for its members.

The UAW has opened a new intensive organization drive at the Douglas plant in Santa Monica, said Irvin Carey, member of the UAW international executive board, who arrived Friday. Walter N. Wells, union vice-president, will be here shortly to take part in the drive.

## 'Goon' Attack L. A. Woman

CIO Worker's Wife  
Is Kicked and  
Beaten

(See Page 8 for expose of "goon squads" in Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES — Extending their terror to a defenseless woman, a "goon squad" brutally beat up and kicked Mrs. Jarlyn Burke, 25.

Wife of William Burke, secretary to one of the executives of the CIO United Auto Workers Local 188, Mrs. Burke said she was sitting in her car in front of union headquarters waiting for her husband, when suddenly four men surrounded her, dragged her out and began to beat and kick.

"Goon" Brutality  
She screamed and called for help. A number of passers-by rushed toward the scene and the four men fled.

"This will do those lugs in there a lot more good than cracking their skulls," one of the thugs said, as he kicked Mrs. Burke.

Taken to Georgia St. receiving hospital, Mrs. Burke was treated for bruises on her face, head, abdomen and back.

Raps Buron Fitts  
Interviewed in regard to the "goon" terrorism instigated by local AFL officials, Rev. A. A. Heist, CIO public relations director here, declared:

"It is a strange thing that the district attorney (Buron Fitts) who was elected to clean up gangsterism in Los Angeles, now with the names and addresses of known thugs in his hand, still refuses to take any action."

J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, is scheduled to meet with Congressman Jerry Voorhis, Byron Scott and others to consult on how to get federal action to put a stop to "goon" terror.

Flaherty Brothers  
Have Busy 2 Weeks  
Of Calif. Meetings

SAN FRANCISCO — Greeted here Monday night by an enthusiastic banquet audience, Edward, Charles and Frank Flaherty had a busy week before them in the Bay Area.

Aside from the banquet and radio talk on their arrival Monday, the three brothers were scheduled to talk on their experiences in the Loyalist trenches of Spain Tuesday night at Richmond, Wednesday in San Francisco and Thursday in Oakland.

The San Francisco meeting was scheduled in Irish-American Hall, 454 Valencia Street, with the cooperation of the Irish-American Educational League.

Thursday night's meeting in Oakland was arranged for the ballroom of the Civic Auditorium, at 8:15 p.m.

Another busy week was in prospect in Southern California where they have the following itinerary:

Oct. 9, 6 p.m., reception at Union Station, L. A.; Oct. 10, local radio broadcast; Oct. 11, reception in Hollywood; Oct. 12, dinner and meeting in San Diego; Oct. 13, mass meeting in Philharmonic Auditorium, L. A.; Oct. 14, mass meeting in Wilmington Bowl; Oct. 15, mass meeting at Masonic Temple, Glendale.

PICKET BAN  
HITS SNAG

The vicious anti-picketing ordinance hit a snag when suit was filed ordering the city officials to show cause why it should not be kept off the ballot November 2. The hearing will come before Superior Judge Elmer Robinson Friday 10 a.m.

The Honest Government League, through Rev. Don Chase, Russell Powell and John P. Pugh, filed suit claiming that the proposed ordinance is unconstitutional. It was charged it violates the Fourteenth Amendment by denying rights of free speech and assembly.

The suit seeks to restrain Charles J. Collins, registrar of voters; City Atty. John J. O'Toole and the city and county from placing Proposition No. 8 on the ballot.

The suit was filed by the law firm of Gladstein, Grossman and Margolis.

Anti-CIO Raves  
Open AFL Meet

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE

DENVER (By Wire)—A violent attack on President Charles P. Howard of the Typographical Union by President William Green in his opening speech Monday, because his signature appears on the charter of the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America, was followed in the afternoon session at the American Federation of Labor convention here, by William Hutcherson, Carpenters czar, challenging Howard's credentials.

Howard's preliminary statement replying to the charges accused Green of "not even approaching truth" in his opening speech.

Convention Packed  
It is probable the convention will now debate this phase of the fight on the CIO and its sympathizers, after Green's call for civil war and to defeat the CIO "at any cost," which will result in the only floor battle in this packed convention.

Green threw discretion to the winds in his opening speech, partially the result of rumors that Matthew Woll wants the presidency and has the support of Dan Tobin, Dave Beck and others.

Green tried to prove that he is willing to go just as far and farther than any other AFL official in the fight on the CIO. Cooperation of the employers, he hinted strongly, was promised.

Appeals to Employers  
His appeal to employers and the press for aid to the AFL in the war on the CIO was in line with the executive council report which attacks the National Labor Relations Board and exonerates the terrorists of the independent steel companies and auto corporations.

There is no doubt that this convention is organizing ruthless war, if Green's unprecedented ferocity voicing the Hutcherson line, is a criterion.

Dr. Wellington Koo, representative of the Chinese government, got a splendid ovation at the end of his speech denouncing the undeclared Japanese war against China.

Green Flayed by Lewis  
At Transport Meet

NEW YORK—"It ill behooves" the American Federation of Labor or corporations, to attempt to thwart "the moral and legal right" of workers to determine the character of their union affiliation, declared John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, before

the American Federation of Labor and the CIO in New York City.

Referring to Green's attack on him as a man with personal political ambitions, Lewis said:

"No Personal Ambitions  
"Well, I do have some political ambitions, but I doubt they are consuming ambitions. I have an ambition to see Thomas Kennedy (now lieutenant-governor) become governor of Pennsylvania. I have an ambition to see the American Labor Party in New York become the major party, and to see La Guardia re-elected as mayor."

"Those may be called political ambitions. They are not in any sense personal."

"I think these utterances of Mr. Green are designed to assist him in being re-elected president of the AFL."

OAKLAND—Nine members of Teamsters Local 70, threatened with expulsion for opposition to Charles Real, Teamster "czar," were pledged full support at a rank and file meeting of the local last Friday.

The rank and file voted to issue a leaflet on behalf of the nine and to set up a Rank and File Club to fight for democracy in Local 70.

Oppose "Withdrawals"  
Reinstatement of the drivers, who refused to accept withdrawal cards tendered them last Thursday, was declared essential as the issuance of withdrawal cards is one of the methods used to maintain the present dictatorship.

The question of sending Cliff Lester, rank and file supporter of president of Local 70 to Indianapolis to answer charges filed with the Teamsters Intl. Executive Board by Dave Beck, was deferred until next meeting. Meetings will continue on Fridays at 8 p.m. in Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., until the members regain control over their own hall at 9th and West Sts.

A rank and file statement declared:

Want Democracy  
"The time has come when we must fight every effort of these phony officials to coerce and intimidate the membership. Certainly we do not wish to have the sad fate of our Seattle brothers visited upon us. We

Bankers Head Move  
To Smash Workers  
On Farms

SANTA ROSA, Sonoma County—War clouds of vigilante terrorism are gathering over the fertile valleys of Sonoma and Napa counties again today.

The storm of open-shop brutality which resulted in the 1935 tar and feather beatings of Jack Green and Sol Nitzberg, agricultural organizers, is threatening to break again.

To Attack Unions

Organized by the Bank of America and the State Chamber of Commerce, a committee of bankers and industrialists representing the most reactionary elements in Sonoma and Napa counties is gathering a war chest to combat unionization of the thousands of starved and underpaid agricultural workers in these two counties.

"Here in California the situation is particularly severe," reads the personal letter being received by small business men throughout these two counties. "We have seven per cent of the gainfully employed of the nation and about seventeen per cent of the trouble."

The letter is written on bonded non-union stationery and appears under the ominous heading of "The Committee for Sonoma and Napa Counties." The address of "The Committee" is given as 210 Exchange Bank Building, Santa Rosa.

Ten Bankers Sign  
It is not accidental that the headquarters of "The Committee" are located in a bank building. Of the 24 members of "The Committee" 13 are officials of banks in Sonoma and Napa Counties. Ten of these are officers of branches of the Bank of America.

"This is an especially fertile field for labor agitators," the letter continues, "since there is, as you know, a tremendous influx of itinerant labor from all over the country, particularly from the drought areas."

"What can be done? Much can be done. Already there is an indication that public opinion is swinging to the side of business and industry. A continued effort must be made to secure public understanding and support."

Bank of America Leads  
The letter, signed personally by 18 members of the committee, ends with a demand for a contribution of \$15 to aid the "definite constructive job to protect the business interests of California." To ensure the remittance the letter from "The Committee" is accompanied by a note from the Bank of America, signed by A. P. Behrens, manager of the Petaluma Bank of America, and Dolph B. Hill, president of the Golden Eagle Milling Co.

Inasmuch as nearly every small business man in the (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

VIENOT AND BOSS  
CALL THE COPS

SAN FRANCISCO — "Apparently the employers think they can break our strike by getting our pickets regularly arrested for 'disturbing the peace,'" declared a CIO United Cleaners & Dyers representative last Monday, following the arrest of 13 pickets in front of the Alce Thomas plant and the re-arrest of eight of them several hours later. They were bailed out at \$10 each by the union.

"If they think this, they're mistaken."

The first arrests occurred when Chester Vienot, head of the AFL chartered dual union, led seven "pickets" in front of the plant with banners stating "100 per cent union." Vienot and Plant Superintendent Robt. Sullivan then called police to arrest the CIO pickets.

When 27 CIO workers were arraigned in municipal court last Saturday on disturbing the peace charges filed by SRA Director John H. Small, Small was loudly booed by 200 workers who packed Judge Prendergast's court room. The cases were continued until next Saturday. The workers were arrested for demanding relief.

JUSTICE BLACK UPHOLDS BILL OF RIGHTS IN SPEECH WHICH RENOUNCES PROGRAM OF KKK

Former Senator Will Remain on Bench; Lewis Applauds Speech Citing Senate Record As Liberal

WASHINGTON—"The Constitution is the supreme law of our country. The Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution."

With this statement and with a repudiation of the program of prejudice of the Ku Klux Klan to which he admitted he once belonged, Justice Hugo L. Black, made it clear he would remain a member of the United States Supreme Court. He spoke in answer to one of the most concerted press campaigns ever launched against an individual.

The 15-minute radio speech of the newly appointed justice was heard by probably the largest radio audience ever to hear a single talk. It evoked comments, statements from leading senators, representatives, labor leaders and newspapers throughout the country.

Lewis Applauds John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, termed it "a powerful and straight-forward statement. It defines the creed of all Americans."

Legislators and newspapers generally held to whatever attitude they held previous to Black's statement. Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, (D. Wyo.) although he opposed the Supreme Court Reform plan, said:

"It was a frank and satisfactory statement which ought to be accepted by the country."

Senator Burke (D. Nebr.), however, who was a more bitter opponent of the court proposal, repeated his earlier condemnation of Black.

Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) said: "Like many others upon reflection and realization of the error, he stated he resigned and abandoned it. It seems to me that the incident is a closed one."

President Roosevelt, on an auto tour in Washington state, did not hear the speech.

Cites Senate Record After citing his senatorial record as a proof that he had consistently opposed the racial and religious prejudice which is the Klan's program, Black said:

"The insinuations of racial and religious intolerance made concerning me are based on the fact that I joined the Ku Klux Klan about 15 years ago. I did join the Klan. I later resigned. I never rejoined. What happened then, or what appears now on the records of the organization I do not know."

"I never have considered and I do not now consider the unsolicited card given to me shortly after my nomination to the senate as a membership of any kind in the Ku Klux Klan. I never used it. I did not even keep it."

"Before becoming a senator I dropped the Klan. I have had nothing whatsoever to do with it since that time. I abandoned it. I completely discontinued any association with the organization. I have never resumed it and never expect to do so."

"Fought Intolerance" Black declared that his record in the senate "refutes every implication of racial or religious intolerance. It shows that I was of that group of liberal senators who have consistently fought for the civil, economic and religious rights of all Americans, without regard to race or creed."

Supporting his senatorial record, the Supreme Court justice declared his friendship of members of the colored race and declared: "Certainly they are entitled to the full measure of protection accorded to the citizenship of our country by our Constitution and laws."

He said that he had never considered religion or race in his endorsement of political candidates and that he had formed life-long friendships among the Jewish people.

NEW MP HEADQUARTERS SAN FRANCISCO — Headquarters for District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, are now located at 10 Embarcadero, announced Secretary Z. R. Brown. The offices were formerly at 112 Market Street.

OREGON GOVERNOR Called to Task On State Land Sale

PORTLAND, Ore. — Gen. Charles R. Martin, reactionary governor of Oregon, has been called by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation in his attempt to give away great sections of grazing land to wealthy cattlemen at 1/2 cent an acre. O. C. F. representatives jammed a hearing in his office in opposition to the proposal, which would rob the schools of heavy revenue.

Federation directors, by a vote of 12 to 4, recently adopted a Far Eastern Policy of "Neutrality by the American government in the Asiatic war, every aid by the American people to the Chinese fight against Fascism."

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Reactionary Berkeley Mayor Declared to Be Indebted to Banks

BERKELEY—That the Bank of America and a big investment company hold a sword of Damocles over the mayor of this city in the form of mortgages totaling \$101,400, by which they are able to influence public policies, was strongly indicated by charges made in an affidavit filed in Federal Court in San Francisco.

The affidavit, filed by the Del Norte Investment Company, charged that Mayor E. N. Ament, his son in law R. D. Compton, and their wives attempted to defraud creditors by concealing \$50,000 in a car buried in a lot in Richmond and in containers on kitchen shelves prior to the bankruptcy on July 10 of the Ashby Furniture Company. Ament was president and Compton vice-president.

The Bank of America, it was disclosed, holds a note of \$47,000 and the Del Norte company two notes of \$37,000 and \$16,000, respectively, against the defunct furniture company. Suits have been filed by both financial institutions for recovery of the amounts. The affidavit was an outgrowth of the Del Norte company's suit.

Mayor Ament has denied the charges, claiming that the \$50,000 rightfully belonged to him and Compton as back salary.

The mayor has consistently advocated reactionary policies in the city council.

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This Put Fear in the Utility Magnates



DOWNSTREAM face of the Wheeler Dam, the final step in the TVA water control project that sent Public Utility magnates into hysterics thinking of the cheaper power and light facilities to be supplied consumers.

U. S. TO PROBE CHILD LABOR IN BEET AREA

WASHINGTON—Investigation of child labor in the beet and cane sugar fields of continental United States will be started by the United States Department of Agriculture, it was learned here. Hearings in Louisiana have already been scheduled.

The investigation will come as part of the recently passed sugar bill which permits government benefits to sugar growers. These benefits, however, are not available to employers of child labor and the department is investigating to make certain that employers of child labor do not receive benefits.

Labor in beet fields is generally recognized as the most exploited in the country. Children travel with their parents from beet field to beet field, working 10 to 12 hours a day in an effort to earn enough to keep alive. They sleep in autos by the side of the road and eat the meager fare earned by their few pennies a day.

AZUSA City Council Aids Open-Shoppers by Passing Anti-Picketing Ordinance

AZUSA, Los Angeles County—The city council of Azusa listened to the open-shop voices and passed a blanket anti-picketing ordinance, "prohibiting picketing, loitering, assembling, carrying or displaying signs or banners or speaking in a loud or unusual tone in public streets, alleys or sidewalks in the city of Azusa."

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DORE REFUSES DEBATE WITH C. P. SPEAKER

Makes Bid for Support Of Reaction by Another Attack on Reds

SEATTLE—Taking refuge in a new rash of red-baiting, strike-breaker Mayor Dore of Seattle has "declined" to meet District Organizer Morris Raport in a public debate, in which Raport offered to prove that behind Dore's vicious anti-Communist attacks lie Dore's attempt to crush the labor movement.

Raport, in a letter to Dore, refuted with factual proof Dore's frequent statements to the press that the Communist Party is the "troublemaker" in Seattle. The actual facts, Raport said, are that Dore, offering full protection to the Dave Beck goon squads, has himself been responsible for industrial anarchy.

Raport's letter said:

"It is clear then, that your present anti-Communist campaign is an election campaign. You are trying, by attacking the Communists, to bring back the Republican reactionary support, which in the beginning of your administration, you lost; now you hope that the support of the reactionary Republicans and that of Dave Beck's machine will put you back in office."

In reply, Dore launched forth in further red-baiting, serving only to show his fear of appearing before the public in defense of his brutal attacks on picket lines maintained by CIO unions.

Dore, making a grand stand play for the votes of all fascist elements, said: "I am delighted to learn definitely that the Communist Party has a campaign to defeat me as Mayor."

Parole Board Orders Fitzgerald to Resign

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles stepped into the waterfront unions on the side of the reactionary, pro-AFL minority last Monday when it ordered Robert J. Fitzgerald, one of the Modesto Boys, to resign as secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Fitzgerald was recently elected secretary pro-tem, following the removal of J. E. Ferguson for packing an MFOE meeting with some 100 non-members.

No reason was given by the parole board for its order.

Assemblymen May Probe Attacks on Labor at Banning

Interim Committees Also Expected to Investigate Housing Conditions and Textbook Craft Charge

State Assembly interim committees, being appointed by William Mosley Jones, Speaker of the Assembly, are scheduled to investigate charges of brutality and terror by deputized thugs at Banning.

Other subjects on the agenda for investigation are the housing problem with reference to action in the State Legislature on slum clearance, inquiry into charges of graft in the awarding of text book contracts by the Board of Education, study of the relief situation where it is charged that unemployed are being compelled to pick fruit at miserably low wages and under the most deplorable living conditions or be dropped from the relief rolls.

Civil Rights Violations Violations of civil liberties will be dealt with by the committee on Capital and Labor, which it is believed is to be composed of Paul Richie, Jack B. Tenney and Ellis Patterson.

The Banning situation, where excessive bail has been set on misdemeanor charges and where a score or more strikers have been beaten and shot, will be at the top of this committee's agenda.

Committee on governmental efficiency will inquire into the reason for the Board of Education awarding a contract for \$181,000 for text books when there was a \$15,000 bid.

Special Session Asked Elmer Lore is chairman of the committee on social welfare and institutions. This committee will study housing conditions and slum clearance as well as problems of relief for the aged and unemployed, social security, asylums and jails.

"I feel the Governor should call a special session of the legislature immediately for the purpose of making the Wagner Housing Act effective," said Jones at a recent press conference. "California stands to lose all the benefits under this act \$36,000,000 for slum clearance—because Merriam vetoed the housing bills passed by the legislature."

The committees are empowered to compel testimony. A minimum of \$700 will be allocated to each committee.

L.A. 'NEUTRAL THOUSANDS' SEEM TO ROLL IN WEALTH

Want Workers to Call a Truce for Two Years While They "Study" Strife

By ED. ROBBIN LOS ANGELES—Let's have a truce. Let's not have any more of these nasty strikes and lockouts. Let's get the workers and employers to agree to stop fighting for two years while we women study the situation and see what can be done about it.

This is the gist of the program of a new organization of women that has mushroomed into existence ostensibly to solve all the weighty economic problems of our time.

Leader of the new organization is Mrs. Bessie Ochs. In an interview with this Western Worker reporter Mrs. Ochs told how this brain child of hers had come to birth.

The interview took place in the elaborate suite of offices of the Neutral Thousands. It began with a quizzing of the bulky affable campaign manager of publicity director. One secretary says Mrs. Ruth Sterry is the one and another secretary calls her the other.

Mrs. Ochs became aware of the terrible, terrible problem, according to Mrs. Sterry, during the maritime strike. It seems that Mrs. Ochs owns (said Mrs. Sterry) owned (said Mrs. Ochs) later with a frown) a factory in Hong Kong where she manufactures bamboo furniture. The maritime strike, which held up her shipments made her terribly aware of the hardship suffered by workers when they are on strike.

"Too Busy" At first Mrs. Ochs was much, much too busy to see me, but after a few direct and embarrassing questions, Mrs. Sterry fluttered her great weight, took the telephone and asked Mrs. Ochs to come right in.

Mrs. Ochs is a blondish, green eyed, middle aged woman. She becomes just as flustered as Mrs. Sterry when she is pressed about the financing of the organization.

"We take money from anyone who is willing to contribute to the cause," she said. "Just so there are no strings attached."

"Who has contributed the bulk of the money to date? Who pays for these offices?"

Free Rent "These offices don't cost us a cent. They're donated by the owner of the building, Mrs. Helen Cutts."

Mrs. Cutts is listed in the directory of the large downtown building as a real estate and investment broker.

"Most of our money so far has come from wealthy women in Los Angeles who are interested in bringing industrial peace."

"We're not trying to break strikes or to settle them. We believe that women have been the chief sufferers in industrial strife. We want to have a two-year truce between employers and workers, when there will be no strikes or lockouts while we women have time to study the situation and figure out a solution."

Mrs. Ochs admitted that the Neutral Thousands was sponsored by no organizations to date. She has had no official contact with any union. Only the "pitiful appeal made secretly by wives of the strikers while she was recently in the strike area in the east" moved her to devote her life to the settlement of industrial strife.

Questioned as to whether she favors the Wagner Labor Act, she said of course she's for the law and that's the law, but she feels that other machinery is necessary for mediation before conditions reach a pass where the Board intervenes.

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REPORT LABOR UNITY AGAINST PICKETING BAN

AFL Officials May Invite CIO Unions to Joint Political Parley

SAN FRANCISCO—A move to unite American Federation of Labor unions and Committee for Industrial Organization unions, to fight the proposed anti-picketing ordinance placed on the November 2 municipal ballot by the open-shop "Committee of 43," will be made by local AFL officials, it was reported Monday.

Sheriff Daniel C. Murphy will be supported by President John Shelley and Secretary John O'Connell of the Central Labor Council, the report stated, in calling a convention to set up a new Union Labor Party, with two delegates from each union regardless of affiliation.

People's Fight Shelley last week urged women's clubs and civic organizations to help labor's fight, stating:

"The far-reaching effects of the proposed anti-picketing ordinance are a challenge not only to labor but to all progressive citizens. Masquerading as an anti-picketing ordinance this law is really an anti-free press measure."

The Organized Labor Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance (Room 410, Grant Bldg.) pointed to the repeal of the 20 year old anti-picketing law last March and charged this people's mandate is now being "betrayed by large downtown business interests who are trying to replace the discarded anti-picketing ordinance by an even more drastic law."

Citizens' Committee Takes L. A. Nurses Case to Supervisors

LOS ANGELES—Stirred into action by revelations of a citizens' investigating committee treatment of the 139 nurses who contracted infantile paralysis during the 1934 epidemic, the Board of Supervisors last week held its first meeting on the matter.

High point of the meeting was the scorching criticism delivered by Mrs. Helen Halvorsen, president of the State Nurses' Association, against County Auditor Herbert A. Payne, who failed to carry out the instructions of the board in connection with notifying the stricken nurses that their complaints would be given.

Most of the meeting was held over to funding attempts to set up some kind of blanket insurance which would cover nurses who contract diseases while on duty.

Meanwhile, the citizens' committee laid plans to publicize the miserable plight of the nurses still suffering the effects of the disease they acquired in 1934.

"We mean to show almost unbelievable graft and corruption in the treatment of these girls. And we will prove conclusively that many of them were wrecked for life by the ill treatment they were subjected to by frauds practicing as physicians," said a committee spokesman.

Protest Firing of Negroes From L. A. Theatrical Project

LOS ANGELES—Following an unsatisfactory conference with Okey Ness, district supervisor of Federal Theater Projects, the Workers Alliance has protested to Hallie Flannigan, national director of theater projects, against the dismissal of nine Negro actors from the local project.

The committee was accompanied by Gilbert Banks, member of the Democratic County Central Committee, when it called on Ness and was told that the project had the right to hire people "temporarily." He refused to make any written statement of policy. Alliance spokesmen said there was no question of fluctuation since the directors intended to replace the Negroes with white actors. They added "We obtained no satisfaction from Mr. Ness. His theory of quota fluctuation leaves room for the rankest discrimination."

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An Open Letter to LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEMBERSHIP

Dear Comrades:

Bluntly, we want to tell you that the Financial Drive for the Daily Western Worker is at a critical point.

ONE-FOURTH OF THE DRIVE IS OVER.

Only ONE-SEVENTEENTH of the money has been turned in (\$2,011).

WHY?

Look at the chart of County standings, Los Angeles, with a \$12,500 quota, has turned in \$7.00 in the first month.

Yes, we said SEVEN DOLLARS.

That's one-half of one-tenth of ONE per cent. Sounds like the percentage of alcohol in prohibition near-beer doesn't it?

Well, Los Angeles County showing in the drive is just that weak.

LOS ANGELES! The State Executive Committee calls upon every member of the Party to attend the County Membership Meeting this Thursday night at Trinity Auditorium.

It Calls upon you to scrape up every possible dollar—and to turn it in, at this meeting, enough money to redeem your present standing.

MORE THAN THAT, \$1,000 TURNED IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING CAN SAVE THE STATE STANDING FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF THE DRIVE.

Will you send us a telegram from your meeting stating the amount you have ready to turn in? It will be published in the Friday issue of the Western Worker.

THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY IS NOW ASKING ITSELF THIS QUESTION: "Can Los Angeles County come through in the pinch?"

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Sonoma	300	39.00	13.0	0
Montreney	300	35.15	11.7	1
Santa Clara	250	28.25	11.3	2
Tulare	100	10.00	10.0	0
Alameda	3000	259.31	8.6	43
San Bernardino	250	14.00	5.6	0
Sacramento	500	20.00	4.0	9
San Diego	1000	34.55	3.4	7
Fort Bragg	200	5.00	2.5	0
Miscellaneous	3250	11.00	0.3	0
Los Angeles	12500	7.00	0.1	114
Contra Costa	250	0.00	0	0
Eureka	250	0.00	0	0
Fresno	150	0.00	0	0
Bakersfield	150	0.00	0	0
Merced	150	0.00	0	0
Stockton	100	0.00	0	0
Nevada	100	0.00	0	0
Arizona	100	0.00	0	0
Utah	500	0.00	0	0
Washington, Ore.	3500	0.00	0	0
Totals	\$35000	\$2011.75	5.7	285

## TORIES WEAKEN AS WORLD'S PEOPLES UNITE TO STOP WAR DOGS IN SPAIN, CHINA

USSR Seen As Mightiest Peace Force As Litvinov Denounces Italian U-Boat At Nyon Conference

By HARRY GANNES

Symptoms of a changing attitude of the peace-loving nations towards the general danger of war are visible in the concrete developments around Spain and China.

Just how far this change will go depends primarily on the speed with which the people in the respective nations can exert united pressure for peace.

No one can say that the Tories are relishing the sharp London protests to their erstwhile closest allies, the Japanese militarist-fascists. Nor did these British reactionary gentlemen propose that any obstacles be cast in General Franco's path.

Nyon Is Turning Point

But world events are shaping up in such a way that it becomes difficult for the Tories of all lands, by encouraging and allying with fascism, to betray the peace aims of their own people.

The turning point, future history will record, was the Nyon anti-fascist conference, followed as it was by the ruthless bombardment of Chinese cities by the Japanese imperialists.

And the turning point of the Nyon conference was the sensational and heroic action of the Soviet Union in branding Mussolini as the pirate of the Mediterranean.

**Soviet Initiative**  
It is becoming more difficult for the capitalist press to conceal the fact that the initiative for every peace action in the world today is taken by the Soviet Union. Nyon, of course, emphasized that fact. Litvinov's scathing indictment of the fascist bandits in Geneva preceded the unanimous condemnation of Japan's barbarous bombardments in



MAXIM LITVINOV

lieve, helps to understand the developments now taking place with regard to China and Spain.

**Favor Fascists in Spain**  
Reports of the Anglo-French insistence that Mussolini discuss withdrawal of Italian fascist armies in Spain attest the fact that the Franco-Soviet attitude is compelling the Chamberlain government to make some efforts to act against Italian conquest of Spain. The last thing the Tories want is a Spain deluged of foreign fascist troops. That would lead to a quick triumph of the Spanish People's Front Government. What the Tories hope for is a lessening of Mussolini's hold on Franco so that the Spanish fascist dictator will have to depend on London.

But the Tories' wishful reasoning is always wide of the mark. Their "balance of power" scales are usually tipped either by desperate action of their fascist allies (as in the Mediterranean and in China) or by the rising opposition of the people in their own country.

No matter how softly Premier Chamberlain wished to speak heretofore for fear of unleashing the fascist avalanche of war, the British cabinet was this time constrained to join the chorus of shouts against Japan's mass murders of non-combatants in China.

**Deadly Germs to Be Used By Nazis**

BERLIN — German medical men are advised to turn their talents to cultivate deadly microbes for use by the Nazi military machine, in the last issue of Deutsche Wehr, a military publication edited by former German Army and Navy officers.

"It is presumed," states the author, "that such attempts to spread germs will not be directed against troops in the field, but against the civilian population in the remote enemy territory. To use it against soldiers would entail great dangers to the attacking troops."

Spotted typhus, cholera and dysentery, the Nazi gloats, are bound to cause havoc among populations living in misery and unsanitary conditions that prevail today.

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## USSR Workers Ensure Democracy In Trade Unions As Elections Near

New Leaders Elected In Drive to Stamp Out Inefficiency

(Special to the Western Worker)  
MOSCOW—Outstanding feature of the current All-Union Congresses of the various Soviet trade unions is considered here to be the clean sweep of incompetent bureaucrats out of the trade unions by the election of leaders through the secret ballot.

At the 40 congresses which are now under way, a 90 per cent new membership of the central committees have been elected.

The new chairmen of the central committees, who function as the general leaders of the trade unions, are 70 per cent new men, only 30 per cent have been re-elected.

**Criticism Free**  
With discussion at the congresses free for the sharpest criticism of inefficiency and bureaucracy, the broad socialist democracy proclaimed by the new Stalin constitution held complete sway.

Three out of every five delegates to the various congresses took the floor to give the experiences of his own local union in the fight to improve working conditions and remove the deadening hand of self-satisfied bureaucrats.

Throughout the trade unions, as well as in the All-Union congresses, there has been a tidal upsurge of activity on the part of the rank and file, who have reasserted their absolute rule as a result of the inspiration of the new constitution.

The delegates are not only removing those incapable of handling the complex tasks facing trade union leaders, but are also choosing from their own midst those who by their work in lower organizations have shown their ability to master all and any difficulties.

**Prelude to Elections**  
What adds particular significance to these elections is that they are a kind of dress rehearsal for the forthcoming elections to the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., highest Soviet legislative and executive body set up by the new constitution.

The 22 million members of the Soviet trade unions, largest body of trade unionists in any single country in the world, are almost one-fourth of the entire voting strength for the general elections.

Most important of all questions which each candidate had to face before the rank and file were two: How do you fight for the line of the Bolshevik Party? and what have you done, in practice, to show your devotion to the working class?

**Union Relief Raises \$138,228 for Spain**

NEW YORK—The Trade Union Relief for Spain has collected \$138,228 at a total cost of only \$825. Of this, \$98,000 has been sent abroad for a 1,200-bed hospital at Onteniente, leaving a cash balance of \$39,402.

This report was issued by Chairman Charles S. Zimmerman with a request to the State Department to correct an impression caused by the department's published report that the relief organization had received \$13,162, sent nothing to Spain, and spent \$733 for administration and publicity expenses.

These figures are partial and misleading, inasmuch as they do not cover the whole history of the organization, whose former name of Labor's Red Cross for Spain was changed to comply with State Department regulations.

**3500 Germans Boycott Display of Swastika**

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 3500 German Americans, banded through eight organizations in the German-American League for Culture, voted defiance of Hitler and the Swastika and refused to participate in the German Day celebration here.

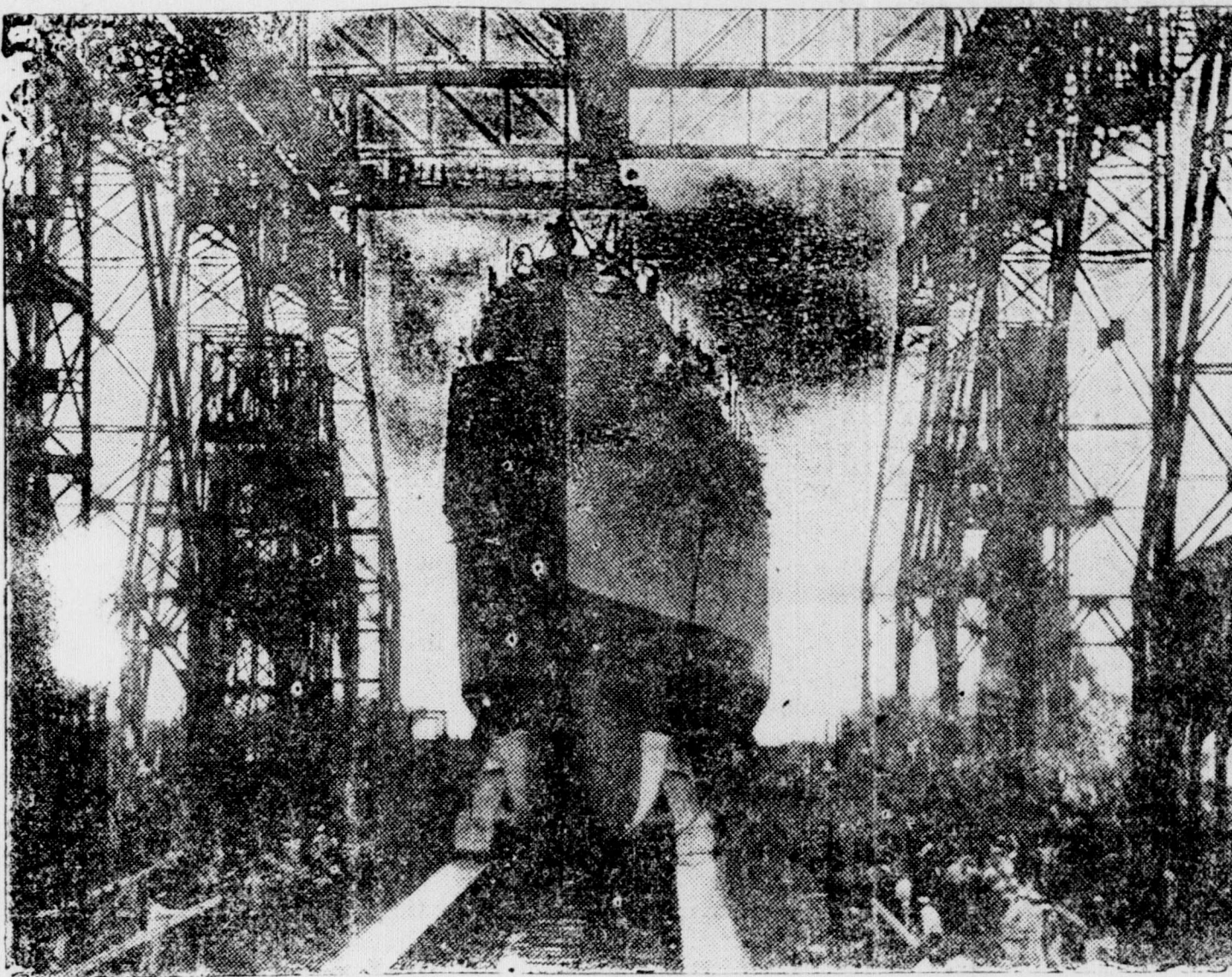
The anti-fascists objected to the appearance of the Nazi terrorist consul-general Manfred von Killinger, to display of the swastika and to the singing of the notorious "Horst Wessel." Said Eric Spiekerman, secretary of the Culture League, "Most German-Americans are anti-Nazi, but there is an aggressive Nazi bloc in the United German Societies that put this program over. The swastika is an emblem of anti-kultur and we won't have anything to do with it."

"They're a bunch of Bolsheviks," said a "spokesman" of the United German Societies, who would not give his name.

**AFL Teamsters Support Striking CIO Guildsmen**

WATERBURY, Conn. — AFL Teamsters refused to deliver newspaper or ink to the plant of the Waterbury Democrat where members of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) were on strike for improved conditions.

Launching a "Pocket" Battleship for the U. S. Fleet



THE HONOLULU, which incorporates many new features of naval construction, slides down the ways at the Brooklyn Navy Yard after being christened. It may soon be used to protect democracy against international fascism if the plans of Mussolini and Hitler succeed.

## Hitler Speeds Rome Alliance As German Workers Starve

Workers Must Eat Cabbage and Potatoes As Nazis Hike Food Prices and Slash Wages

Behind last week's conversations between Hitler and Mussolini in Munich exists a situation which explains the eagerness of the Nazi leader to rush plans for strengthening the Berlin-Rome axis.

Predicted freely before the dictators met was their agreement to force the small democratic states of Europe and Latin America into a line of diplomatic collaboration with fascist policies. It was reported widely by political observers that this strategy was the first step in a program to force the democratic big powers to capitulate one after the other.

Furthermore, it was generally recognized that this attempt to exterminate democracy throughout the world and attack the peace-loving peoples of the earth would be carried on under the guise of a crusade against Communism.

These predictions, as the press has shown, have been proved correct. But the decisive factors underlying the strategy of the Nazi leadership have not been disclosed. Most important of these factors is the steady decline of the living standards of the German people and their consequent discontent. No one knows this better than Hitler at the moment.

Even Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle and no enemy of the Nazis, writes: "Two of the things the Nazis set out to do when they seized power were to force farm prices up and to keep rates of pay down. They succeeded in doing both."

"The index figure for agricultural prices has risen from 91.3 to 104.6 since 1932 (1913 equals 100). The retail price of butter has risen 35 per cent and that of margarine 44 per cent."

"On the other hand, the index figure for the general average hourly rate of pay has declined from 86.2 to 83.5 during the same period (1928 equals 100 in this case)."

**Real Story Hidden**

But such facts only hint at the real story. German government statisticians, lackeys of the National Socialist Party, have become so expert at doctoring and misrepresenting figures that we must check and double-check to get at the true facts of the case.

For example, the actual rate of pay has declined a great deal more than 4 per cent during the last five years. To begin with, most German working men and white-collar employees must make compulsory insurance payments. Through the payment of unemployment insurance, health insurance and pension insurance, more than ten per cent is deducted from the individual's gross earnings. To this must be added wage and poll taxes amounting to 3.5 per cent and the so-called "voluntary" contributions which are really compulsory and amount to from 5 to 10 per cent. Thus, Germans receive only about three-fourths of their stated wages and in depreciated marks.

**Miserable Health**

Despite all these "social services" and "insurance," the health situation in Germany rapidly is worsening. Admits the May 30 issue of "Der Angriff," journal of Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels: "The number of unemployed workers amounts to 3,500,000 throughout the Reich; 2,500,000 of them could be made employable through adequate treatment."

The writer in the Angriff neglects to say that the "adequate treatment" which this huge army of unemployed are not getting, consists of nutrition, clothing and housing. When winter

comes, millions more will be in need of even the meager relief afforded; last year almost 13,000,000 persons received donations from the Winter Relief Fund.

All the scraps which these 3,500,000 "unemployables" do receive comes not from the Nazi government which is interested in guns, not butter, but from the pockets of the 19,000,000 Germans who still have jobs.

Under Nazi fascism, states Wallace Deuel, not only are wages decreased by cuts and check-offs, but prices are shooting sky-high. The German In-

**S. F. Fair Will Sell Tokens of Hitler Policies**  
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But one thing the Barker at the 1939 Fair will no doubt forget to say is that these "beautiful stones" have traveled extensively since they first left San Francisco Bay. In fact, they will have traveled to Nazi Germany and back before they adorn the tourist's finger.

Cheap labor in Hitler's Third Reich allowed George K. Stein, local agent for German jewelry firms, to underbid American firms for the job of polishing the stones dug from the Bay during preliminary work on the bridges.

The stones have been sent to Germany already; there they will be cut and polished, then shipped back to San Francisco for the Fair. May we expect to see some of them cut in the shape of the Swastika?

stitute of Business Research indicates this rise in retail prices from March 1933 to March 1937: Meat, 18 per cent (with veal 40 per cent, mutton 41 per cent, etc.); meat substitutes, 40 per cent (peas 52 per cent, beans 31 per cent, etc.); and dairy products, 15 per cent (butter 35 per cent, margarine 44 per cent, eggs 31 per cent, etc.). Only flour, oats and a few miscellaneous vegetables have remained constant in price according to the German capitalists.

**Potatoes and Cabbage**  
With this background, we can well understand that "The average German eats one and three-fourths as much cabbage, almost twice as many potatoes, more than four times as much rye bread, and seven and one-third times as much margarine as the average American, but only 94 per cent as much pork and ham, 92 per cent as much butter, 69 per cent as much milk, 68 per

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## RAIN AIDS BASQUES TO BLOCK FASCIST DRIVE; LOYALISTS TRAP MERCENARIES IN 2 CITIES

Aragon Advances Open New Avenue to French Frontier; 40 Conspirators Arrested in Mop-up Behind Lines

MADRID—Fighting to stall down the advance of the fascists in Asturia in the Bay of Biscay Area, hard-bitten miners and Basque nationalists were aided in the past few days by a torrential rain. A fascist advance into the province was blocked and winter threatened to forestall the advance completely.

In Aragon province the Loyalist forces continued their encircling movement aimed at surrounding and taking Saragossa, Jaca and other strategic fascist-held cities. Loyalist troops were within two miles of Jaca.

The fight in Aragon had the additional purpose of opening up a new Loyalist avenue to the French frontier, demand for whose opening is growing among peace forces centering their fire at Geneva. At the same time, Loyalist refugees who had fled to France from the Basque province and other beleaguered areas, were returning to Spain from France.

A new conspiracy was discovered and broken up by Loyalist secret police, who arrested 40 persons at Berga, charged with sending money out of Spain and aiding deserters from Loyalist armies.

**Mexico Speeds Plans For Latin-American Labor Congress**

MEXICO CITY—The Congress of all national labor organizations which for more than a year the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers) has been attempting to bring together, will in all probability be held in Mexico City in December of this year or in January of 1938.

On September 20th, the National Committee of the CTM sent a fresh invitation to the most important labor bodies of all the Latin-American countries, proposing that they send delegates to the Congress in Mexico City by December at the latest. The CTM offers to aid all such organizations as are financially unable to afford the expense of sending delegates.

The preliminary work of preparing the Congress is now being carried on by the National Committee of the CTM. Out of the meeting will grow the organization of all the workers of Central and South America into a single international body which will be able to face the problems common to the working class of the two continents.

The program of the Congress, the CTM promises, will be shortly announced and it is expected, in view of the favorable responses already received from the labor federations of such countries as Argentina, Chile, Venezuela and others, that it will be possible to hold the meeting at the time now fixed.

**Mexicans to Aid Chinese People**

MEXICO CITY—At a meeting held at the residence of Dr. H. C. Tao, distinguished Chinese educator now in Mexico, the executive committee of the Society of Friends of China was formed by delegates of all the constituent organizations.

Dr. Tao, who is a representative of the popular unification movement in China, arrived in Mexico several weeks ago and has been actively working on behalf of the Chinese people with labor and peasant organizations and in political circles. The new formed society is made up of delegates from the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers), the CCM (Mexican Peasant Confederation), the PNR (National Revolutionary Party), the Communist Party, and other organizations.

A fiesta and commemorative meeting, with proceeds going to the workers of Spain, will be given by the United Societies Saturday, Oct. 16, at Native Sons' Hall.

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## In Words and In Action, Black Repudiates the Klan

JUSTICE BLACK asserts that the Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution.

He cited his record as a senator and a political leader to indicate that he believes in making this more than an assertion, but a guide to action as well.

He admitted frankly that he once belonged to one of the most rabid, anti-labor, prejudiced and un-American organizations this country has ever known. He declared that he resigned and never rejoined, that he never expects to do so.

In short, Justice Black has put the cards on the table. We think it is possible for a man who has once been a member of the Klan to have his eyes opened to its real significance and to combat, honestly, all that it stands for. Thousands of people today, once deceived into joining the Klan, are testimony to that.

What testimony has Justice Black given in his own case?

He has clearly repudiated all that the Klan stands for. He has made his stand for the Bill of Rights. That is important but not decisive. What is more important is that he has, as he says, repudiated the Klan in practice. This is far more than most of his accusers can say for themselves. There is nothing in Black's senatorial record to indicate that he ever discriminated against race or religion. On the other hand, to his positive credit, there is the record of a consistent fight against the real purpose of the Klan.

The role of the Klan was to terrorize the masses of people to advance the interests of that collection of monopolists known as Wall Street. Black fought this in the Senate investigation of the scandalous ocean mail subsidies. He fought it by supporting the wages and hours bill and the National Labor Relations Act. He fought it by support to the proposal to reform the Supreme Court to the end of stopping its autocratic, usurped powers. The only recent blemish on Black's progressive record is his failure to fight for the Anti-Lynching Bill, for which he must be criticized.

The American people will accept Justice Black's statement as a convincing answer to his accusers. For who are these accusers? They are the reactionary press and economic royalists of today, who stand for the same things the Klan does. It is clear that they have made an issue out of the Klan not to fight what it stands for, but to fight one whose record shows that he opposed its main purpose.

But the American people can not let the matter drop there. The vigilant eye of the people will judge his actions on the high court bench. The real test of Justice Black will be in his stand on such issues as the Scottsboro case, the Tom Mooney case and in vital issues of social legislation to come before the court in the session just begun. Here it is not by any means a question of Justice Black alone. There is Justice Sutherland, who openly defended the Klan in a Supreme Court decision. There is the whole reactionary clique in the court.

The campaign against the court must be carried on to break its usurped right to outlaw the acts of a congress elected by the people.

Justice Black would have merited greater praise if he had openly and directly admitted that it was the most serious mistake of his career to have had anything whatsoever to do with the Klan, under any conditions; if he had openly admitted that this connection was harmful to every standard of decent Americanism; if he had admitted this and proclaimed directly his determination to correct that mistake.

The enemies of the people are the very ones who carried on the biggest fight against Justice Black. Their strategem must not be allowed to have its intended effect!

## Los Angeles' Latest Unholy Alliance

CITY, County, State and Federal officials are supposed to be guardians of democracy. "Supposed to be" is the right phrase as far as Los Angeles County is concerned, for there the people have seen so-called public servants from the city cop to the U. S. District Attorney flagrantly violate their oaths of office by refusing to enforce the law against the "goons."

Several score of workers, members of Committee for Industrial Organization unions, have been brutally beaten and several severely crippled by armed blackguards paid by

American Federation of Labor officials. The CIO has affidavits to prove this.

Yet Police Chief Davis has ordered no arrests. District Attorney Buron Fitts remains silent. State officials are without voice to speak out against these outrages. And the U. S. District Attorney regrets he can do nothing because it is "out of my province," and suggests that the CIO apply to Fitts for protection against the "goons."

This constitutes an obvious conspiracy involving so-called labor leaders such as Secretary J. W. Buzzell of the Central Labor Council, the law enforcement agencies, and the open-shop interests, to subvert the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of California. And this conspiracy is violently directed against all workers in the exercise of their democratic right, guaranteed by federal law, to choose their own collective bargaining agency.

Every honest citizen, every union member who believes in unionism and in democracy, every progressive-minded person must raise immediate protest against this unholy alliance against the principles of democracy, and must support the demands of the CIO Industrial Council of Los Angeles for:

1. An investigation by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury into the brutal attacks on CIO members, in order that those guilty may be brought to justice.

2. An investigation by United States Attorney General Homer Cummings into the violations and into the refusal of the U. S. District Attorney in Los Angeles to take action against the violators.

The policies of violence and terrorism instigated by AFL officials must also of necessity meet repudiation within the ranks of the AFL unions in Los Angeles. The AFL members have no quarrel with their CIO brothers; in fact they owe it to themselves and to labor in general, to join hands with their CIO brothers to drive "goon squads" out of the labor movement.

Labor in Los Angeles must unite on the question of democracy if democracy is to be preserved, for on the shoulders of labor must of all rests the entire future of democracy.

Let the smashing of the "goon squads" be the first step in the uniting of labor's ranks in Los Angeles County.

## Shelley's Mandate At Denver

WILLIAM GREEN announces he will demand expulsion of the CIO unions, and will call for setting up of dual unions against CIO unions.

William Hutcheson, Carpenters' czar, demands expulsion of CIO unions and all unions and individuals leaning toward sympathy to the CIO.

But Green, Hutcheson, and the other potentates of the American Federation of Labor can not, no matter how they try, close their ears to the ringing demand of the AFL membership for unity. The rank and file will not be fooled by red-baiting and other smoke-screens; they will not be satisfied without unity.

The election of John F. Shelley as the San Francisco Central Labor Council delegate to the AFL convention in Denver, is another bit of handwriting on the wall for those AFL officials who would destroy all semblances of unity. Because Shelley introduced a resolution calling for unity in the labor movement at the State Federation of Labor convention, he was "dumped" by Teamster officials "goons." Because he stood against the union-busting, splitting Vandeleur machine, Shelley was elected as convention delegate and the Vandeleur machine candidate, Fred West, was defeated.

Even with the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's delegates ousted, and with other progressive unions expelled from the council, Vandeleur and his machine still can't get the endorsement they want for their murderous tactics of strike-breaking, splitting and "goon" squads.

The fight that went on in the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night, is being duplicated on a nation-wide scale in Denver at the AFL convention. On one side are the Greens, Hutchesons, Wolls, Freys and their machine stooges; on the other side are those who will fight against further splits in the labor movement and will fight to gain one united labor movement. It is hoped that Shelley will play a leading role in the progressive camp, speaking the will of the organized labor membership in San Francisco for unity.

## The Fascists Are Feeling The Blows of Democracy

THE PIRATE of the Mediterranean is feeling the pressure of the world front for democracy and peace more emphatically than ever before.

England and France, simultaneously, presented their virtual demands that Mussolini join a conference to discuss the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain. The pirate was warned specifically that the presence of these troops constitutes a direct menace to the interests of these two countries.

The Soviet Union, which since the Nyon conference has emerged more clearly than ever before as the leader of the international peace forces, simultaneously launched a new campaign for the dropping of the entire farce of "non-intervention." It demanded that full permission be given to ship arms and ammunition to the legitimate Spanish government.

The force of these developments far overshadows the Phryic "victory" of the fascists when they rallied enough votes of small governments to prevent the League as a whole

## American Doctors Saving Lives in Spain



LOYALIST soldiers, wounded in action, are shown being cared for by Dr. William Pike, American doctor who went to Spain with a unit of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy. American contributions bought the ambulance, too.

## THE NEGRO WORKER

By A. Phillip Randolph

A. Phillip Randolph is president of the National Negro Congress which will hold its second national convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 15-17. He is also International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, and one of the outstanding labor leaders of the country.

His article below was written for the Daily Worker.

The Negro people hail the second annual meeting of the National Negro Congress!

The liberal and progressive people of the country without regard to race or color, creed or nationality, all hail the Congress. The Second National Negro Congress comes at a crucial period of transition in the life of the world and the Negro race. Problems of the gravest import challenge the progressive forces of modern society. All groups are faced with the necessity of taking decisive action on the significant and vital trends of social forces, for war is abroad in the world and fascism is rampant.

### How Negroes Differ

The Negro is confronted with the task of holding on to the liberties he already has and fighting to secure those he is entitled to in these United States in particular, and the world in general. Different from other groups in the country, the Negro people have never secured the elementary civil and political rights that come with the establishment of democratic government, following the overthrow of the slave regime.

While the right to vote, to be elected, and to have an economic stake in the country, and to secure an education are the natural rights and privileges that come with the transition from an autocratic slave system to the creation of a democratic republic, the Negro race has never enjoyed these rights and privileges, especially in the Southern states. Because he has never participated in the fruits of a bourgeois revolution which was achieved partially by the Civil War, Negroes have the problem of completing their incomplete political and civil emancipation.

### Lily White Primaries

It is a notorious fact that in the Southern states, grandfather clauses are invoked against Negroes seeking to exercise the right to vote vouchsafed them by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. When grandfather clauses fail fully to bar Negroes from participating in national, state and municipal elections, the new device of the "lily white primaries" was invented and thrown into the balance against them.

But the Negro people are awakening. They are becoming conscious of their rights as American citizens. They are also sensing their power. They are turning their backs on the old Uncle Tom type of leadership which counsels "let well enough alone." They are courageously beginning to demand their place in the sun.

### New Spirit

This new spirit is expressed in the Second National Negro Congress as it was expressed in

the first. While there are many Negro organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which are ably fighting the battles of the Negro on the civil and political fronts, none has been able to rally the mass support of the Negro people, upon any vital and pressing issue. However, without the support of the Negro masses, the battles of the race can not be won. The masses possess the power. This is the supreme job of the Second National Negro Congress.

Now, the tactic and strategy of the National Negro Congress is to stir, mobilize and rally the masses in the development of a united front. The united front means the unity of all of the various and varying Negro organizations, together with liberal and progressive movements among the white population upon a minimum program. Because of the menace and threat of lynching to black Americans, all Negro organizations, regardless of their differing philosophies on religion and politics, are of one mind in their desire to wipe out this disgrace in America.

The right to vote and to be voted for and the abolition of disfranchisement through grandfather clauses and lily white primaries, together with enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment is the demand of all Negro people, alike. Peonage, too, a form of involuntary servitude which is a violation of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution is also assailed and condemned by Negro leaders and movements in all camps.

### In Labor Unions

The right to work and to join labor organizations that increase the power of the Negro people to improve their standard of living are, too, an important objective of the race. Adequate relief and the securing of justice in the courts provoke no differences of opinion among Negroes so far as their interest in obtaining these results are concerned.

To the end of fusing and cementing the forces in Negro life together for the purpose of realizing the aforementioned demands, the Second National Negro Congress is called. The church, school, fraternity, sorority, fraternal lodge, home, trade union, social club, art guild, and all of the various agencies that express Negro thought and action will be embraced in this Congress. Resolutions and proclamations bearing upon the consolidation of the Negro liberation movements will be presented and discussed in the various sections to provide the directive and driving forces in the Negro struggle for emancipation.

Trade union and industrial organization for Negro workers, will occupy an important place on the agenda. The great drive to organize the mass production industries by CIO has had its appeal for the Negro masses. Hundreds of thousands of Negro workers are embraced in these industries. They are ready for organization. They demand it. They are willing to pay the price along with their white brothers in struggle, suffering and sacrifice, to achieve labor solidarity to protect and advance their rights. Thus, they are pouring in large numbers into the CIO unions that are organizing these industries. They are not only becoming members, but

they are playing a significant and constructive role in the work of organization itself.

### Playing Big Role

Some of the most aggressive and effective organizers in the Committee for Industrial Organization are Negro workers. They have done a great job in the steel mills, in automobile and rubber factories, and throughout the far flung mass production industries of the country. Participation in this momentous organization struggle is bringing a new perspective to the Negro people. They are realizing that they constitute an integral part of the working class of America and that they will rise or fall with this class. They are beginning to see that their hope lies in increasing their bargaining power so as to raise the price or wage of their labor. They are recognizing that this cannot be done alone, merely as Negro workers but only as a part of organized labor.

Thus, in unions, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor or the Committee for Industrial Organization, Negroes are seeking membership if they are seeking in industries covered by these labor movements.

The National Negro Congress will throw its weight behind the drive to organize Negro workers in all industries, mass production and otherwise. It will urge Negro workers to join hands with their white brothers and fight for trade union solidarity and democracy. It will counsel Negroes to turn their backs on the company union and participate in the bona fide, trade and industrial unions of America affiliated with the CIO and AFL according as they are in industries that are covered by these two sections of labor.

### Fight on Lynching

The brilliant and significant fight waged against lynching through the effort to enact the Wagner Gavagan Anti-Lynching Bill, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will receive the support of the Congress.

Negro business enterprises, especially of the co-operative form will also receive the interest and attention and support of the Congress. The youth movements among the Negro people will constitute one of the outstanding sections of the Congress and serve as a powerful force in calling the Congress to the struggle of the Negro in the South to achieve the status of manhood.

Within the period of a few weeks, the Second Congress, whose headquarters are established in Philadelphia, and whose sessions begin Oct. 15 and extend through the 17th under the able and vigorous direction of John P. Davis, national secretary, has caught the imagination and interest of the wide masses of Negro people. It is eminently timely that the Congress makes its second bow to the American public in historic Philadelphia where the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution were framed and adopted. The Negro people through the Congress will assert their right to the Constitution on its hundredth and fiftieth birth year. They will demand that the basic principles of the Constitution be enforced to preserve democratic institutions and traditions in America and to complete their emancipation.

mined on action against the fascist forces.

Clearly the peace forces of Europe are taking the initiative, guided and aided by the peace policy of the Soviet Union. It remains for the United States to become a part of this rapidly growing front. This must be the demand of the American people: to add America's moral and economic force to the front against the fascist aggressors in Spain, to see that America collaborates with the peace forces led by the Soviet Union.

## As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

## A Challenge to Every Communist

THE PEOPLE'S FRONT, which saved France from fascism, was only created through the efforts of a strong Communist Party with mass influence. Likewise, to defeat reaction in America and build a People's Front here, we need a strong American Communist Party. That is why we are now engaged in a recruiting drive, and a drive to establish a Daily Western Worker.

In all seriousness, we accepted a challenge from Chicago on building the Party in California. The month of September has gone by, and both the Western Worker and recruiting drive are very slow in getting under way.

Chicago is out to recruit 1,000 new members by November 7th, and thus replace California as the second largest district in the country. With the drive at the half-way mark, they are already way ahead of California. In the first two weeks of September, Chicago has recruited over 350 new members, as compared to California's 191. Even the Seattle district showed us up, having recruited 120 members in the same period (the city of Seattle is in competition with San Francisco). At this rate, California will be trailing way behind when November 7th rolls around.

### Why California Lags

What is the reason for this slowness in recruiting? Certainly, the Party and its activities are known to wide masses of workers on the West Coast. In the maritime, agricultural, and other industries, the Party through its members has been in the forefront of the workers' struggles. Its program is being more readily accepted everywhere, as the workers learn to look to the Party and to individual Communists for correct leadership. Red-baiting by reactionaries has dismally failed in the California labor movement.

The fault lies in the failure of Communists systematically to approach their fellow-workers in their factory, industry, or union; explain to them the position of the Communist Party on the issues facing the labor movement and the American people; and to follow up these contacts every day in order to win these workers to support the Party program and eventually recruit them into the Party. In many cases, Communist Party members are even timid about introducing the Western Worker to their friends and fellow workers, although the Western Worker is the best recruiting agent for the Party.

### One Recruit Monthly Is Minimum

The Communist who doesn't recruit an average of one new member a month, is either so isolated from non-Party workers that he doesn't know anyone to recruit, or else he becomes so absorbed in mass activity in his union or other organizations, that he forgets that without building the Party at the same time that he builds the union, he is building on sand. In either case, he is failing in his first duty as a Communist, and fails to serve to the best of his ability the interests of the working class, because the Party has no other interests aside from the interests of the working class.

California has established such a splendid record for recruiting in the past, that we are confident that the present lag is a temporary one, and will soon be overcome. In the remaining month of competition, we must more than double the tempo of recruiting by every member, in every unit and branch, and we must speed up the financial drive for a Daily Western Worker.

We are not racing against any arbitrarily-set date, just for the record. WE ARE RACING AGAINST TIME, WE ARE RACING AGAINST REACTION WHICH IS GATHERING ITS FORCES IN AMERICA! The building of an American People's Front depends on the building of the Party!

## LETTERS

### Book Exposes Roper

Editor Western Worker:

In a recent Western Worker a news note revealed that some Workers' Alliance official demanded the resignation of Daniel Roper, Secretary of the Interior, at a hearing in Washington. If it is of interest to you, Roper is thoroughly shown up by Ewing Mitchell, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce, in his book, "Kicked In and Kicked Out of the President's Little Cabinet." This book is no doubt available in the public library. Mitchell managed to get under Roper's collar, but nothing was done about it.

Also, could you tell me where I could send some literature to be forwarded to the Lincoln Battalion?

Sincerely,

P. Edwall, Washington.

## AN EDITORIAL

### Demand Their Release!

THE Criminal Syndicalism victims are free. California's third district court of appeals says they are free.

An outraged California public has long said they should be free.

But the boys are still in San Quentin.

WHY are they being held?

WHY does the State of California delay executing the order of the court?

WHY does Attorney General U. S. Webb, friend of the Associated Farmers, traitor of the Santa Rosa tar and feather victims, henchman of the reactionary bankers and industrialists, delay the release of these boys?

Demand that the boys be released immediately!

Demand of Webb, with letters and telegrams, an explanation for this brazen disregard of the law!

## That Daily Paper

Even the Blind Can See  
Items From L. A.  
W. W. Song

### THE HALT, THE BLIND AND THE LAME...

LAST WEEK, if you will remember, we told you about the HOUSEWIVES' UNIT of 'Frisco leading "baby" parties for the Western Worker. Now we swing to the other end. We'll let HARRY LAWRENCE tell us about it:

"While collecting funds for the Daily Western Worker the other day, I was talking with a worker who would not give anything for the drive. Listening to us as was an old man, 73 years of age and blind. When I failed to get a donation from the worker, the old man spoke:

"I won't be able to read the Daily 'Western' when it comes out, but I know the need of it, so I want to give you five dollars as a day's pay even if I am not working."

"Then he pulled out five dollars and gave it to me. This seemed to upset the worker who had refused me and he stammered that he promised to do the same."

### L. A. Odds and Ends

RAY SOLOMON is determined to go to the National Convention of the Party as a delegate from Los Angeles County. The County is offering a trip to the Convention as a Fraternal Delegation for the outstanding individual worker in the Drive. And when RAY gets determined, she simply is no less than unbeatable.

I. SCHRIER, of Downtown, runner-up to Feingold in the Sub Drive, has upped his pledge from \$20 to \$100 and challenged GEORGE SCHAEFFER, the W. W. Agent in L. A., to a competition in completing quotas.

LOU BARON, Industrial Section, challenges all comers of his weight, age and size to equal his pledge to raise \$300 for the Drive. He promises to raise his \$300 before PAUL CLINE hoists his \$250.

Which brings us to the question of just how Comrade CLINE, as County Organizer and busier than a one-armed paper hanger trying to run a one-man street car (ha, fooled ya that time), is going to raise his pledge. Now Paul tells all: "I get a lot of requests," said he, "from units and sections to speak at their affairs. Isn't it the proper thing to do to ask for a slight cut on the proceeds?"

(About 60 or 70 per cent would do nicely, eh Paul?)

LOU SAPERSTEIN turned in the first donation to the Drive in Los Angeles County, although PAUL of 39 claims he got the first contribution. We suggest the boys either settle the matter with cream puffs at ten paces or challenge each other to see which gets the MOST before January 1st.

A lot of good natured rivalry and partisanship exists between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Until the Sub Drive, 'Frisco had walloped the pants off L. A. in the three previous drives. But the Sub Drive turned the tables and L. A. found out that it feels swell to win. From this entirely impartial observation post, we'd say that L. A. is out to win this time, too. They have set up a powerful and capable Drive Committee, are way ahead of any other County in the matter of publicity.

It's true that they haven't turned in any money as yet, but we hear they are holding it up until October 7th, when they intend (according to rumor) to dump \$2,500 in the State Drive Committee's lap with a "So there!" gesture. Look out, San Francisco!

And so we give you another song. This one is all the time of "Anchors Aweigh," and is by MARGARET CAMPBELL, HALL THORPE and CONNIE EDY of the 12 Day Youth School in Los Angeles:

Anchors Aweigh, my lads,  
Join Labor's fight,  
We'll launch a Daily Worker  
That will shake the bosses' might.

All hands full steam ahead,  
Build Labor's press,  
Forge now a mighty weapon  
For a People's Front throughout the West!

We need an educator on the problems of today,  
We need an organizer that will make our efforts pay,  
Do your worst, Mr. Hearst,  
We, the workers, want our say: Hey!

Anchors Aweigh, my lads,  
Plough through the sea,  
We'll not give up the fight  
Until our land is free.

Over America,  
See Coast to Coast,  
Growing a mighty chain,  
Let's build our press, make good our Party's boast!

## WORKERS' HEALTH

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL

### What About Dizziness?

QUESTION: What is the cause, and can anything be done to improve that silly dizzy feeling which some persons always have when looking down any steep place? M. H.

ANSWER: Dizziness in high places is caused by an unaccustomed change in the apparent size of objects, and many people have it who are perfectly well. However, one who gets dizzy easily should be examined by a doctor for some disease that may be the cause.

# La Pasionaria . . . Mother and Fighter

By L. SYLVIA

Ask a soldier of Spain today who is the best beloved person in that embattled country and he will answer with the name of a woman.

It is Dolores Ibaruri, a name known by every Spanish child, respected by every soldier fighting for democracy, hated and feared by Franco and his masters in Rome and Berlin. It is a name that history will record among the noblest of mankind. Dolores Ibaruri, affectionately called La Pasionaria by Spain's millions, grew up surrounded by workers and steeped in their problems. Born the daughter of a miner, she passed through her first school of class education in a workers' center, where miners gathered together every evening and discussed the problems of their hard life.

Here young Dolores became acquainted with the history of the heroic struggle of the workers of Biscay as told by those who organized and participated in these battles.

The young girl, like the majority of daughters of Spanish miners, suffered a bitter lot as a servant to a rich family, and later as waitress in a small cafe. This hard life hastened the class education of young Dolores.

### A Girl Socialist

When she was 17 years old she joined the local Socialist group in Biscay, and from the very first day became one of its leading members, and a correspondent to a Socialist newspaper. The passionate fighting character of Dolores, in her first articles and letters, won her the name of "Pasionaria."

The great proletarian revolution in Russia exerted exceptional influence over the development of the young woman revolutionary. From the very first she became one of its warmest and most convinced followers.

In 1920, the Socialist group to which Dolores belonged was one of the first to affiliate itself to the Communist organization which was being formed at that time in Madrid. And when the Communist Party was formed the next year, Pasionaria became one of its founders.

Anarcho-syndicalist workers tell how she saved a wounded comrade. She ran two kilometers after the police who were driving him over the border of the district, and afterwards hid him in her home.

### Braves Whips

In Bilbao, Socialist and Communist, all the working people saw how on May 1, 1931, during the first days of the republic, when the police attempted with whips and bullets to disband a demonstration organized by the Communist Party, Pasionaria raised high the banner and ran forward, driving the masses after her, and led the demonstration through all the streets of the city.

Whether free or in jail Pasionaria is always organizing the

struggle. The authorities of the jail in Madrid know quite well this flaming Communist who knows how to rally all the prisoners around herself.

By her struggle against fascism and war, Pasionaria succeeded in winning sympathy, admiration and authority, not only among working women, but also among the petty-bourgeois women. In Madrid she led them on the first mass women's demonstration in Spain against the decree of the mobilization of reserves (September, 1934).

### Woman's Bitter Lot

And last year, on March 8, International Women's Day, 80,000 demonstrators marched in Madrid under the slogans of the Communist Party demanding the liberation of the working women of Spain from the triple oppression of landlord-capitalist exploitation, the bitter lot of women, and the menace of fascism and war. Pasionaria—the most popular person in Spain—inspired these people.

She gained national renown during Spain's October of 1934. In those glorious days when the miners of Asturias took up arms against fascism, Dolores Ibaruri was with them behind their barricades, encouraging them, helping.

After the defeat of the October days, 1934, she was clever enough to make her way into the cells of the imprisoned fighters and to bring them the slogans of the Communist Party as well as information as to the successes of the People's Front. She went to the widows and orphans of the Asturian miners and organized aid for them, in indifferent to threats of repression.

It is little wonder that in the elections which followed in February, 1936, she was elected to the Popular Front Parliament.

The Party members know and value Pasionaria not only as a brave fighter and considerable comrade, but as a model of irreconcilable to traitors in the ranks of the Party.

### Cited at 7th Congress

At the Seventh Congress of the Communist International in 1935, when speaking of a correct policy towards cadres, Comrade Dimitroff emphasized the need for correctly promoting members in the following words:

"We have examples in our Parties of promotions which have produced excellent results. For instance, we have a Spanish woman Communist sitting in the Presidium of this Congress, Comrade Dolores. Two years ago she was still a rank and file Party worker. But in the very first clashes with the class enemy she proved to be an excellent agitator and fighter. Subsequently promoted to the leading body of the Party, she has proved herself a most worthy member of that body."

Dolores Ibaruri is perhaps the most famous woman in Spain which almost automatically means one of the most famous

Dairy of An American in Spain

## WINE BEFORE BATTLE

By ADDISON KEELER

August 13 . . .

In my last letter I wrote of our transfer from the training battalion and I tried to describe how tickled at how proud we were to be at last with the Lincoln-Washington. Today we were lined up after mess and were definitely assigned to sections in the battalion. In my company all the section leaders and corporals are veterans of the last campaign and we who have not yet been under fire feel ourselves to be in complete hands.

Besides the assignment to sections, other important announcements were made. From now on our company will bear the name of that working class fighter, Harry Hynes, who was killed in action during the last push.

We voted also to donate two pesetas per man for the purchase of a company flag which will bear across the top the lettering "Harry Hynes Company" with "Lincoln-Washington Battalion" at the bottom and in the center a clenched fist.

**Democratic Army**  
After the assembly we were marched out of town and after a few maneuvers were seated in the shade of a cliff where we listened to an informal talk by our lieutenant on the tactics of the last campaign. What I like about this army is the complete freedom that every soldier in it has to ask questions and offer advice and criticisms. This makes such talks as the one described infinitely more interesting and more valuable because each one of the men who participated in the attack on Brunete and the assault on Mosquito Hill could and did draw observations from their own individual experience. Thus we learned, for example, that liaison between the attacking companies and battalions was sometimes ragged and that this error must be avoided during the next push.

There is a great difference between life here and in the training camp which we left a few days ago. There is much more freedom here and less strict discipline. We're treated here more as adults if you get what I mean. Coming from training camp, to battalion headquarters, and finally to the front is like a "growing-up" process—from high school to college and finally out into life. At least this is the way it strikes me.

**Discipline Less Severe**  
At the training camp there was the strictest kind of discipline, there were many "pep" talks and much organized singing on marches. Here there is little or no singing except of the spontaneous sort, attendance at lectures is not obligatory and though there is plenty of discipline in falling out for company formations, maneuvers, etc. there is a difference. For instance here if a man freshly returned from a month in the trenches drinks a little too much 'on the vino front' he doesn't catch any particular hell. He may be lodged in the guard house for the night to sleep it off but nobody holds it against him.

Here's an amusing incident which occurred last night and

To her children, on International Youth Day, she wrote a letter. It might well be a letter to the youth of the world, to the workers of every land:

I cannot say how much longer this terrible war will continue. But I am convinced that victory will be ours, that in the end we will destroy forever the caste and privileges which ruined Spain, checked her progress and compelled her workers and peasants to live in sorrow, poverty and slavery.

My children! When you are celebrating International Youth Day among the happiest youth of the world, do not forget your brothers who are dying on the front in Spain, fighting for the future of Freedom and Justice.

I embrace you a thousand times.  
Your mother,  
DOLORES IBARRURI.

which demonstrated the sort of democracy that exists in this army. Yesterday was payday and a group of the boys, their pockets lined with well-earned pesetas, crowded the three 'vino joints' of the town secure in the knowledge that they were free to drink uninterruptedly up until 10:30 taps. But unknown to them, a Spanish Company had mounted guard that night and at nine o'clock, in accordance with the rules of the Spanish battalion, this guard closed down the joints, ejecting the occupants.

Fifteen minutes later, Comrade Vandenberg, our battalion commander, (one of the best loved and most efficient military leaders in Spain) was informed that a delegation was waiting outside headquarters to see him. He ordered the delegation to be admitted but for sometime (he speaks French and English) could not make out what they wanted. When at last he understood, he smiled broadly, clapped the spokesman on the back and assured the aggrieved 'vino frontiers' that he would issue orders to the effect that such a mistake should not occur again.

**Shifts in Personnel**  
But there is discipline, adult discipline. The other day one officer and four non-coms were jockeyed pay and reduced to the ranks because they went to Madrid for a forty-eight hour leave and forgot to report back for a week.

August 14 . . .

Today an important announcement was made to the entire battalion. From now on, we will form part of the 15th Brigade which will be made up of the Lincoln-Washington, the English Battalion and the Canadian Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. A shift in personnel was also made which will bring us Captain

with Amle (brother of Congressman Amle of Wisconsin) as Commander of the Lincoln-Washington Battalion.

Our political commander is now Comrade Robinson, a sailor, who formerly was Captain of a machine gun company. Nelson, our political leader, goes to Brigade headquarters as political commander, while Lieutenant Davis, formerly adjutant of the Lincoln-Washington, is shifted to the Mackenzie-Papineau, and Captain — goes to Brigade headquarters.

**Art and Music**

Look Like a Saint  
For 1000 Kisses!

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

The Artists Co-operative gallery at 166 Geary Street is at present showing an exhibition of the portraits of a gentleman who styles himself Dr. Rodolphe Kiss.

Dr. Kiss supposedly receives \$1,000 for each of his portraits and, judging by the numerous upper-class notable whose pictures are hanging in the gallery, he has a rather lengthy sucker list.

The technique this "artist" employs is to move into a town with a fanfare of trumpets, establish himself in the swankiest hotel in town and to call up the newspaper photographers and reporters to whom he gives a self-praising interview. He names the many famous people he has painted and poses for a melodramatic and "aesthetic" photograph and then the procession of wealthy dowagers, retired bankers and public officials is supposed to begin.

It matters little that his paintings are dull, tasteless and stereotyped, that he paints all of his subjects in practically the same pose and in very much of the monotonous colors. It is of no importance that his technique is hasty, shoddy and devoid of any imagination. He is an "important" painter—that is all that his subjects consider.

**Chief Davis Present**  
Then he has the additional gift of turning the most brutal and stupid face into a smiling and prosperous visage on the canvas. He obsequiously flatters anyone who will put up the necessary thousand dollars.

If you see this exhibition (and there is no reason in the world why you should) you will certainly be as surprised as I was to find that one of the principal canvases was a portrait of the Chief of Captain Davis, brutal chief of the red-baiting Los Angeles police. And yet in Dr. Kiss's version Chief Davis looks the pillar of society—handsome, radiant and fearless.

**Greener Pastures Ahead**  
If the Artists Co-op was more or less forced to swallow Dr. Kiss, that will certainly not be the case with their next exhibition, which is to start some time early in October. This show will feature photographs of the wretched conditions in California's agricultural fields.

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which demonstrated the sort of democracy that exists in this army. Yesterday was payday and a group of the boys, their pockets lined with well-earned pesetas, crowded the three 'vino joints' of the town secure in the knowledge that they were free to drink uninterruptedly up until 10:30 taps. But unknown to them, a Spanish Company had mounted guard that night and at nine o'clock, in accordance with the rules of the Spanish battalion, this guard closed down the joints, ejecting the occupants.

Fifteen minutes later, Comrade Vandenberg, our battalion commander, (one of the best loved and most efficient military leaders in Spain) was informed that a delegation was waiting outside headquarters to see him. He ordered the delegation to be admitted but for sometime (he speaks French and English) could not make out what they wanted. When at last he understood, he smiled broadly, clapped the spokesman on the back and assured the aggrieved 'vino frontiers' that he would issue orders to the effect that such a mistake should not occur again.

**Shifts in Personnel**  
But there is discipline, adult discipline. The other day one officer and four non-coms were jockeyed pay and reduced to the ranks because they went to Madrid for a forty-eight hour leave and forgot to report back for a week.

August 14 . . .

Today an important announcement was made to the entire battalion. From now on, we will form part of the 15th Brigade which will be made up of the Lincoln-Washington, the English Battalion and the Canadian Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. A shift in personnel was also made which will bring us Captain

with Amle (brother of Congressman Amle of Wisconsin) as Commander of the Lincoln-Washington Battalion.

Our political commander is now Comrade Robinson, a sailor, who formerly was Captain of a machine gun company. Nelson, our political leader, goes to Brigade headquarters as political commander, while Lieutenant Davis, formerly adjutant of the Lincoln-Washington, is shifted to the Mackenzie-Papineau, and Captain — goes to Brigade headquarters.

**Art and Music**

Look Like a Saint  
For 1000 Kisses!

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

The Artists Co-operative gallery at 166 Geary Street is at present showing an exhibition of the portraits of a gentleman who styles himself Dr. Rodolphe Kiss.

Dr. Kiss supposedly receives \$1,000 for each of his portraits and, judging by the numerous upper-class notable whose pictures are hanging in the gallery, he has a rather lengthy sucker list.

The technique this "artist" employs is to move into a town with a fanfare of trumpets, establish himself in the swankiest hotel in town and to call up the newspaper photographers and reporters to whom he gives a self-praising interview. He names the many famous people he has painted and poses for a melodramatic and "aesthetic" photograph and then the procession of wealthy dowagers, retired bankers and public officials is supposed to begin.

It matters little that his paintings are dull, tasteless and stereotyped, that he paints all of his subjects in practically the same pose and in very much of the monotonous colors. It is of no importance that his technique is hasty, shoddy and devoid of any imagination. He is an "important" painter—that is all that his subjects consider.

**Chief Davis Present**  
Then he has the additional gift of turning the most brutal and stupid face into a smiling and prosperous visage on the canvas. He obsequiously flatters anyone who will put up the necessary thousand dollars.

If you see this exhibition (and there is no reason in the world why you should) you will certainly be as surprised as I was to find that one of the principal canvases was a portrait of the Chief of Captain Davis, brutal chief of the red-baiting Los Angeles police. And yet in Dr. Kiss's version Chief Davis looks the pillar of society—handsome, radiant and fearless.

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### SEEING RED

## SHIP-OWNERS PREPARE TO MILK PUBLIC AGAIN

By MICHAEL QUIN

I don't like to be a snitcher, but the ship owners are about to screw another buck into the U. S. treasury and drain it of a little more gravy.

The last time they did this they got away with \$777,618,098.06 before anyone noticed the leak. It was paid to them in various forms of subsidies to enable them to build a fine American merchant fleet and pay high wages to seamen. After about six years of this racket, neither the fleet nor the high wages materialized. A government investigation discovered that the U. S. merchant marine consisted of a lot of old banged up cuspids and the conditions of seamen were a disgrace to the nation.

It was also reported, and figures were submitted to prove it, that shipowners had been taking the money and sticking it in their own pockets. This was plain, ordinary theft, but the terms under which the subsidies were paid were so idiotic that the shipowners were in the clear technically and could not be prosecuted.

This scandal occurred in 1934, the year of the great Pacific maritime strike. President Roosevelt ordered all subsidies canceled and a new system worked out whereby all shippers receiving subsidies must keep their books open to inspection, account for every nickel they received, and not pay any executive salaries higher than \$25,000 a year. This new Act was passed in 1936.

### What Subsidies Are For

The idea of subsidies is to enable the American shipper to compete with foreign lines which have a lower ship building and operating cost. The U. S. Government agrees to pay the difference. The American shipper has only to figure out what it would cost him to have a ship built abroad. Then he has it built in American yards and the government pays him everything it costs above the foreign figure.

The American shipper can pay as high wages as he pleases to his seamen. The U. S. government reimburses him for everything above what foreign companies pay their seamen on competing lines.

All this, of course, only applies to ships in the overseas trade. Ships sailing between American ports on coastwise or inter-coastal runs have an air-tight monopoly secured by law. They don't have to compete with any foreign lines.

Under the old subsidy system, the shipowners were simply handed bounties in the form of millions of dollars which they could do as they pleased with. They pleased to stick them in their pockets.

### Try to Restore Craft

The new system includes careful check-ups and accurate accounting.

When the new Act was passed in 1936, the shipowners were still under the shadow of the 1934 scandal. The whole thing was still too fresh in the public mind and they didn't dare raise too much of a kick. But now, after a year has passed, they feel their old sins have been forgotten and they can safely take steps to restore their craft.

The campaign has begun quietly but intensely. Lobbyists back in Washington are busy whispering promises in the flabby ears of ambitious officials. Strings are pulling. Jumping-jacks are jumping up and down. The bung-screwing apparatus is in motion.

They have already served notice on the government that the new system includes "unsatisfactory provisions which make it impossible to operate on a government subsidy."

And what are these provisions? They name them. The restriction of executive salaries to \$25,000 a year and the fact that they must keep their books open to inspection.

### Shipowners and Counterfeiters

In other words, the proposition is that you cannot run a steamship line unless you pay phenomenal salaries to the owners and keep your profits secret from the public.

This almost sounds like saying that you cannot operate a counterfeiting machine unless you keep it secret from the police.

They also claim that fluctuation in world prices makes it impossible to reckon the exact difference between foreign and American construction costs. This is a flimsy subterfuge. (Subterfuge, n. A damned lie.) When they contract to build a ship in a foreign yard, they agree to pay a fixed amount. And that's what they pay, regardless of how things fluctuate.

They also claim that prices and wages are different in all countries and it is impossible to fix a standard of what the foreign operating cost is. That's another subterfuge. If an American line running to South America competes with a British line, then the subsidy should be based on British costs. What difference would it make that a ferry boat on the Yangtze in China can be operated for ten cents a day? The American line is certainly not suffering from that competition.

I'm sorry. I've already overshot my allotted space and I haven't begun to cut loose on these bung-screwers. Come back again next issue and I'll give you the rest.

# The Negro and American Traditions

By JOHN PIERPONT

## Pamphlets Expose Peril to Democracy

The Vigilantes Hide Behind the Flag—Isobell Walker Soule, International Labor Defense (I.L.D.) and The Trial That Shocked a Nation, published by the National Citizens Committee for the Protection of Civil Rights in the Automobile Industry (3 cents).

Mrs. Soule's pamphlet briefly discusses the growth and hypocrisy of the fascist "vigilante" gangs, showing the challenge they offer to our American traditions, while the second pamphlet shows the effect of these tactics in what is probably the most notorious case in recent history of the unbridled brutality of deputized vigilante gangs—the Routhier-Frankenstein beating by Ford Service men in Dearborn, Michigan.

This second pamphlet carries no declaratory material, its 15 pages are taken up solely with excerpts from the testimony submitted to the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee, in Washington. But the direct and unquestionable evidence of signed statements and photographs is the most stark and brutal record of sadistic violence on the part of Henry Ford and his special police that it would be possible to gather. If you have not already read the testimony as run in the Daily Worker, put this pamphlet on your must list.

Mrs. Soule's pamphlet is somewhat more ambitious. It is a forceful, clearly written appeal to the middle class to look before they leap into the arms of un-American organizations masking themselves behind American traditions. Mrs. Soule briefly analyzes the nature of the leading open-shop and vigilante organizations and quotes extensively from their programs and anti-union propaganda.

Much of the material included has not been published before and gives an accurate yet shocking picture of the anti-democratic groups at work in the background of industrial disputes.—G. P. H.

There are two kinds of historical works. One concerns itself with digging-up source material, new facts, and evidence, and weaving these into a narrative to describe the true character of an individual or an epoch. The other kind emphasizes the re-interpretation of already existing data. It utilizes a new method to explain events the details of which have already become common knowledge.

Of this second type of historical writing is James S. Allen's *Reconstruction* (International Publishers, \$1.25), a modest volume in appearance, but one whose contents are indispensable to an understanding of contemporary, as well as past, American life.

**Clears Away Lies**  
The importance of this book is very well stated in the forward by Richard Emmale, editor of International Publishers' series of volumes covering the historical development of America from colonial times to the present. Mr. Emmale says:

"Until recently the history of Reconstruction has been left to the not very tender mercies of the Bourbon and the Philistine. The result has been a completely distorted picture of one of the most significant epochs in American history. For the most part our historians have hidden the revolutionary content of Reconstruction behind a veil of vituperation, have entirely misrepresented the role of the Negro people and have shamefully belittled the heroic leadership of Stevens and his Radical associates."

Observe then, how Mr. Allen proceeds to turn the ray of dialectical materialism on the innumerable misrepresentations which obscure this period, and with what magic effect the real nature of Reconstruction is illumined.

### Reaction Was Aggressor

We learn first that the Civil War period bears strong resemblance to our own. As the American people today are being forced to defend their liberties from strangulation by a dying social system, so in the Civil War decades the progressive sections of the people, representing rising capitalism, were

compelled to embark on the course of revolution by the offensive of the slaveholders. Then as now, it was reaction which captured the legislative apparatus, dominated the Supreme Court, took steps to break up the Union, and fired the first shot.

Once driven to the struggle, the bourgeoisie under the leadership of the middle-class Lincoln hesitated to adopt revolutionary means to crush reaction. The minimum requirements of the conflict included not only the defeat of the slave power in war, but "the complete destruction of the power of the landed barons." This meant full emancipation and bourgeois freedom for the Negro.

Indeed, it was not until the vacillating Lincoln had been forced to issue his Emancipation Proclamation, to recruit Negroes as soldiers, and to arm them throughout the South that the tide of battle turned definitely in favor of the North. This was the revolutionary tactic long championed by Thaddeus Stevens, real leader of the bourgeois revolution.

### Betrayal of Democracy

Appomattox ended the first phase of the revolution and ushered in the second—the period of Reconstruction in which the revolution "passed from the stage of armed conflict into priority of a political struggle which sought to consolidate the Northern triumph."

Successful consummation of the revolution depended on several fundamental changes. It was necessary to confiscate the landed estates for the benefit of the freed men. It was necessary to disfranchise the land barons and former rulers, and give suffrage to the Negroes. These changes were prerequisite to the establishment of bourgeois democracy in the South.

# CIO Wins Contract on World's Largest Poultry Farm

## VIGILANTES RAISE MONEY TO STOP UNIONS

Bankers Head Move to Smash Organization of Farm Workers

(Continued from Page 1)

county is forced to rely upon the Bank of America for credit, the answer is obvious. Either remit—or else.

"The question of radical leadership is also a matter of great importance to the business men of California," the note from the Bank of America declares. "The state Chamber needs help and support to carry on and we are hopeful that you can see your way clear to contribute the amount recommended in the committee's letter."

Where will the money budgeted out of small business men go? Into the pockets of Ignatius McCarthy, San Francisco gas bomb salesman who supplied the Farmers Association in Stockton with the requisite ammunition to gas 60 workers last Spring? Or into the hands of U. S. Attorney General Webb and his cohorts who found business leaders, including officials of the Bank of America "not guilty" of the terrorist attacks on Green and Nitzberg last year? These are the questions workers in the two counties are now asking.

Members of "The Committee" plotting terrorism for Sonoma and Napa counties are: J. H. Threlkeld, regional vice-president of the California Chamber of Commerce; Herbert K. Walton, regional director of the Chamber; Andrew Rocca, manager Bank of America, Calistoga; W. R. Haley, manager Bank of America, Healdsburg; B. R. Hennessey, manager Bank of America, Napa; A. P. Behrens, manager Bank of America, Petaluma; Dolph B. Hill, president, Golden Eagle Milling Co., director of Bank of America, Petaluma; Thos. Maclay, vice-president of Bank of America, Petaluma; George R. Cadan, manager Bank of America, Santa Rosa; E. N. Paulson, manager Bank of America, Sebastopol; E. A. Boye, manager Bank of America, Sonoma; P. R. Alexander, manager Bank of America, St. Helena; Frank P. Doyle, president Exchange Bank, Santa Rosa; Harry B. Fuller, vice-president, Sebastopol National Bank; B. C. Corlett, vice-president, First National Bank, Napa; R. B. Stevens, proprietor A. F. Stevens Lumber Co., Healdsburg; H. H. Sawyer, president, Sawyer Tanning Co., Napa; M. Vonson, president M. Vonson Co., Petaluma; Carl E. Bunschu, manager Inglenook Vineyard Co., Rutherford; Dr. E. H. Crawford, Santa Rosa; George A. Proctor, Santa Rosa; Frank M. Butler, manager, Speas Manufacturing Co., Sebastopol; L. H. Hart, manager, Sebastopol Apple Growers Union; Walter Metzner, St. Helena.

## PRESS SILENT ON TORY'S PAST

Crocker Predicted Strike Would Destroy Unity

SAN FRANCISCO — "The strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. It's solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs we won't have to worry about them any more. Labor is licked!"

This spoke San Francisco's "benevolent" capitalist, William H. Crocker, during the great 1934 general strike. Last week when banker Crocker, now 76 years of age, lay dying in his \$500,000 Hillsborough mansion, San Francisco newspapers said nothing of his arrogant anti-labor past, but spoke loudly of his "philanthropy," "benevolence" and "nobility."

### Built Shoddy Houses

Son of Charles Crocker, who with Huntington, Hopkins and Stanford built the Southern Pacific railroad and robbed the West of millions of dollars through their vast interlocking empire, W. H. Crocker always had millions. The millions he had he doubled after the great fire of 1906 by financing the reconstruction of the city and by exacting his toll from the tenants ruined by the fire and earthquake.

Meanwhile his fortune, which spread through the boards of directors of all the key industries of the Pacific Coast, grew and grew. Whereas the shoddy houses he built after the 1906 fire still deface great sections of San Francisco, into his own house went \$500,000. For years it has been the show place of Hillsborough.

When death came to William H. Crocker last week, it came too late to halt the spreading tentacles of the Crocker fortune.

## Mexico's President Reports to New Congress



LAZARO CARDENAS delivering his address on the state of the republic in which he announced his country's intention of continuing the social revolution on the industrial and commercial fronts as well as on the agricultural.

## 'Shake Hands Like This,' Says Oakland's Best Party Builder

By CLINT DUFF

The swiftest Party Builder in Oakland also seems to be one of the best liked. Perhaps the reason for this is that he goes out of his way to make friends. Incidentally he makes such good friends that sooner or later they understand his viewpoint well enough to want to be in the Communist Party.

"Shake hands like this and say 'My Friend,'" Harry Brown of 1366 W. 7th Street in West Oakland instructed me. True enough, the warm handshake and clap on the shoulder started to work on me. I began wanting to find out more about this Negro comrade. And I did.

### Likes His Neighborhood

Harry Brown, in the twenty-ninth year of his life, works hard every day repairing Oakland's streets. He is a member of Hod Carriers AFL Local 304 and a good trade unionist. But he prefers to spend most of his time when off work in his own neighborhood on 7th Street in West Oakland. What he does in this neighborhood is worth noting if we want to understand how he recruited nine Party members and nine YCLers during the single week of September 12 to 18th.

Getting off work at 4 p.m., he returns home but usually does not stay there long. Instead he casually goes over and raps on some neighbor's door; sometimes he has talked to them before, sometimes he has not. But he prepares for all eventualities and does not set forth empty-handed. He takes the latest issue of the "Western Worker" or, perhaps the attractive "Fight," "Labor Defender" or "Soviet Russia Today."

### "Western" My Front

"This material, especially the Western Worker, is my front," explains Harry. "You get almost anyone to look at these magazines and they get curious. They want to know what this or that picture is about; then you explain."

"I don't stay too long the first time but after awhile I get up and say: 'Well so long, friend. Say to me you know—I've got a fine book to give you next time I come. When are you usually at home?'"

This offering a book is very good technique according to our ace friend-maker and recruiter. Everyone likes something for nothing and especially a copy of Browder's "What is Communism" or M. J. Olgin's "Why Communism." Brown would not recommend any particular book or pamphlet however, but said that this must vary with each new friend. During the first visit one must get a line on the

## NMU Is Voting 98 Pct. for CIO

NEW YORK — Early returns in the National Maritime Union referendum indicate a 98 per cent vote will be returned in favor of CIO affiliation, announced Joseph Curran, general organizer for the NMU.

Ballots have been mailed 45,000 unlicensed seamen on 1500 vessels on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and on the Great Lakes. An organizing war chest and the union constitution are also being voted on.

The NMU signed an agreement with the American Export Line, providing a flat increase of \$5 a month for every crew member on the line's 18 ships and a \$50 bonus each on vessels touching Spanish ports. The line also agreed to continue wages of any ship crew interned in any foreign port because of war conditions for any period of time.

special interests and problems of his hosts.

### More Visits

Swiftly Harry outlined to me the rest of that splendid process: winning new members for our party. On the second visit, you bring a pamphlet, on the third you have a discussion on the good and bad points of it, and on the fourth, perhaps, you invite him to some party gathering. Harry recommends a large social gathering such as a dance or picnic for the first time. This gives the new friend the feeling that he is being introduced to a real big organization. Under this stimulus of many people around and about, Harry does most of his actual signing up of new members.

But when one of Harry's friends sign an application, this act by no means ejects

him from Harry's friendship. Indeed Harry's interest grows now that the new friend has become a new comrade. Harry makes sure that the new comrade attends his new member's class and mass functions of the Party—even to the point of escorting him to these meetings.

And if the new Party member lives in some distant section of the city, Harry arranges with a comrade in that district to shepherd the new member. Harry is always glad to reciprocate in this process.

These sure and simple ideas of Harry, if put into effect by all of our Party members as earnestly as he does, would result in drastically curtailing the horrible fluctuation which so etches away our membership gains. In fact, we can learn a lot of things from Harry Brown.

## BEAT LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE (AN APPEAL TO S. F. PARTY MEMBERS)

Dear Comrades:—

Take heed. Don't be misled by the strange showing of Los Angeles of only "Seven Dollars" to date in the Daily Western Worker Drive. While the weekly drive table in the Western didn't show it, LOS ANGELES WAS NOT ASLEEP—they are working feverishly to beat San Francisco!

On October 7th, this Thursday, there is scheduled in Los Angeles a general membership meeting. We have inside information that plans are on foot wherein each unit will bring enough cash to the meeting to make up at least 25 per cent of their quota.

Are we San Franciscans going to let the Angelenos get away with it? A thousand times NO! At the last Saturday's regular drive conference the comrades decided unanimously to have 30 per cent of our quota—\$2,250—by Saturday, October 9th.

To date we have \$1507.79—\$742.21 to go! Can we do it? Of course we can.

We had a fairly good start in the first three weeks. All we have to do now is to speed up our tempo!

NOW FOR THE JOB.

This week is day's wages week for the Daily Western Worker drive.

Make a clean sweep.

1. Be sure to have a 100 per cent attendance in all branches and units.

2. Explain to the membership how we stand to date.

3. Ask every member to turn in his day's pay.

4. Appoint a squad to visit at once, all absent members for collection.

5. Visit your friends and shopmates and collect their day's pay.

6. Turn in all cash on hand not later than Saturday, October 9th.

And while you are doing this, bear in mind constantly our Party Building Drive.

1. Bring all the dues up to date.

2. Recruit every shopmate, every fellow trade unionist, every neighbor into our Party.

Beat Los Angeles! Beat Seattle!

Keep San Francisco at the head of the Daily Western Worker drive!

Keep California's second place in the size of membership! Fraternally and comradely,

S. F. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Oleta O'Connor, Chairman. Frank Spector, Secretary. Jim Tracy, Drive Manager. Jerry Feingold.

Star Shock Brigadier.

## SEEK DEMOCRACY

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Intl. Typographical Union ended its convention here by voting almost unanimously for a resolution suggesting the AFL amend its constitution so the federation would have nothing but advisory power over member unions. The way was left open for a CIO referendum.

## ASK U. S. AID FOR STRIKERS AT BANNING

Demand Government Act On Criminal Conspiracy Against Union

LOS ANGELES—"We believe there has existed a criminal conspiracy between the Metropolitan Water District, the district attorney and sheriff of Riverside County to interfere with the civil rights of citizens," charged Roy Hoskinson, member of the strike committee of the CIO Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct workers in an interview with Benjamin Harrison, U. S. district attorney.

The charge came when a delegation of strikers called on Harrison and demanded the federal government take action against the abuses by local authorities in collusion with water district officials.

### Present Proof

The delegation presented a score of affidavits proving strikers have been beaten and tortured by deputies, arrested and jailed for no offense, and bailed fixed at figures far exorbitant to the charges.

"We are determined to have justice," said Hoskinson. "If we cannot get it from local authorities, it's time the federal government stepped into this thing."

Harrison agreed to investigate and to notify the union whether federal authorities have power to act.

The strike of over 1200 workers on the San Jacinto tunnel was called August 14 in a fight to gain union recognition. The tunnel project is a public corporation owned by 13 cities. Individual citizens and citizen groups have protested vigorously at the gross waste of public money resulting from the refusal of the Board of Directors to deal with the union.

Delay of work, state union leaders, is costing the public thousands of dollars daily, and use of inexperienced men is endangering lives and the work already accomplished.

Figures issued by the district recently show that even if taken at face value, the work is proceeding at one-fourth the speed at which it should progress.

### Strike Solid

Thus far pickets have resisted all attempts of the district to break the strike by fomenting "back to work" movements, by arresting strike leaders, by terrorizing, shooting and beating workers. Picket lines are still maintained along the 35-mile desert front. Publicity and relief committees are at work in Banning, Los Angeles, Long Beach and other cities of the district.

## RR Workers' Pay Demand Betrayed

CHICAGO—Grand chiefs of the "Big Five" operating brotherhoods joined the heads of the non-operating railroad crafts in their betrayal of the railroad workers' wage demands here last Monday, when it announced they had agreed to reduction of the 20 per cent increase demanded to 6.6 per cent, averaging 44 cents per day.

Although tens of thousands of non-operating workers voted to strike for their full demands of 20 cents an hour increase, their officials accepted a 5 cent raise last August. Over 96 per cent of the operating workers voted to strike for their full 20 per cent increase demand.

Non-operating railroad workers in Chicago have raised a call for re-opening of the negotiations to get the 20 cent increase.

## C. P. Member Is Found Dead

BRENTWOOD, Contra Costa County—Felix Otto, member of the Communist Party, was found dead, rolled up in a blanket, near here last Friday. Death was ascribed to natural causes.

Otto lived in Hayward and was a member of the Workers Alliance and of Pile Drivers Local 34 of San Francisco. He was about 50 years of age. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Schmeling of Oakland.

Details of Otto's death had not been learned when the Western Worker went to press.

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## AFL Aids Company Union for Hearst

Publisher Uses Threat to Force Men Into Phoney Union

LOS ANGELES—Intimidated with threat of losing their jobs, approximately 120 members of Hearst's L. A. Examiner staff have signed with the AFL-chartered company union.

Among those joining the company union are Louella Parsons, Hearst "darling" and Hollywood columnist; Ella and Bill Wiskersham, who write Hollywood society notes; Erskine Johnson, Hollywood columnist, and Elaine St. Maur, a protégé of Marion Davies, who takes frequent vacations to visit the Hearst ranch at San Simeon.

Morgan Hull, CIO American Newspaper Guild international representative, arrived here to advise the local Guild.

"This action by Buzzell is company unionism pure and simple," said Hull. "We intend to prove it before the National Labor Relations Board."

"The whole thing is obviously done with the collusion of the publishers, and Buzzell himself admitted at the meeting he called last Sunday that he had talked with the publishers before the union was formed."

"In all the years Buzzell has been secretary of the Central Labor Council he has been asked many times to organize the newspapermen of this city. He refused to do so. Now suddenly he starts organizing."

"Does he try to organize the unorganized, like the Times? No, he goes into the Examiner which is already organized in the Newspaper Guild and sets up a dual and company union."

It was announced that Hearst's L. A. Examiner had refused to negotiate a contract with the AFL so-called newspaper union until an election is held by the National Labor Relations Board. Prompt action by the Guild in demanding an election was evidently effective in putting an end to negotiations between Buzzell and Examiner officials.

Western Workers were ripped out of the hands of a woman selling them in front of the Labor Temple, torn and tossed into the street.

On the council floor Ralph "Slaughterhouse" Darling, of the Teamsters Union, threatened to punch anybody in the nose who expressed sympathy with CIO views.

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## STOPPAGE OF WORK BRINGS CLOSED SHOP

Starts Field Union Drive In San Fernando Valley

RESEDA, Los Angeles County — Over a million chickens screeched and ran about flapping their wings while bosses and foremen chased around not knowing what to do, when 190 farm hands walked out of the J. Hartley Taylor Runnymede Farms, largest poultry farm in the world, last Friday.

The walkout was a 15 minute demonstration designed to convince the bosses of the strength of the CIO union before entering on negotiations and to reassure the men as to their own power.

Won Closed Shop

The farm has been 100 per cent militantly organized within the last 10 days. Union leaders proposed to present a contract to the owners for negotiations on Friday and in order to insure no hitch in negotiations, the demonstration was staged.

Immediately thereafter the negotiating committee met with the employers and in a few hours concluded a written closed shop agreement, with eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime clauses, and an understanding that any wage increases to be arrived at in further negotiation would be retroactive.

At 11 a.m. on Friday morning the sirens blew. Fire and police departments came flying down the road, workers from the neighboring Reseda and Canoga Park joined in the demonstration. Police did not attempt to interfere.

Organizer Spoke

Louis Fabian, international organizer for the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America spoke to the crowd:

"This demonstration is to show the management that any idea they may still have that we don't mean business is ridiculous. We are about to go into negotiations with the management. This demonstration should not be confused with a strike. It is being held to avoid the necessity of a strike."

Union leaders say this victory is significant because it precludes organization of the entire San Fernando Valley.

Plasterers Win 6-Hr. Day Fight

SAN FRANCISCO — After a nine weeks' strike, the Plasterers Union emerged victorious in its fight to retain the six-hour day, when the Master Plasterers Assn. signed an agreement with the union last week. The plasterers won a pay increase from \$9 to \$10 a day. Work was to be resumed when the Hodecarriers Union completes an agreement with the employers' association.

The Hodecarriers won \$1.40 an hour, continuance of the six-hour day, and \$1.50 after next May 1. The old scale was \$1.25 an hour.

Vandeleur Helps Bosses Blacklist

MONTEREY — Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the AFL State Federation of Labor, is supplying employers with blacklists of cannery workers who are opposed to his company unions and who are sympathetic to the CIO.

Posted on the bulletin board of the San Carlos Cannery here is a list of some 15 names of workers, and above this is the legend: "These names are unfair to the AFL, and are not to be employed in the cannery."

The list and its heading is stamped with the official AFL seal for Monterey County.

San Francisco

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# Teamster Czars Use Sadists Against CIO Men in L. A.

6-Hr. Day Movement Gains  
Momentum in Bldg. Trades

## LODI WINERY WORKER TELLS OF FRAME-UP CONVICTION IN FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT CASE

Car Without Lights Caused Worker to  
Crash With Truck; State Cops  
Refused to Investigate

By a Winery Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—Because I am a working man and haven't much money or political influence, I have been found guilty of something I am entirely innocent of.

I am writing you my story in hopes that you will print it in your paper, and that some of these politicians will get hold of it, for they refused to put it in any paper around here.

### Fired for Unionism

In May I was working for the De Rosa Winery and had been there about four months. On May 2 I joined an organization. Twenty-four hours after that the boss fired me because he said he couldn't pay 60 cents an hour. I was getting 40 cents before.

He was going to hire another man, but the organization made him put me back to work. On May 12 I had to take a load of wine to Modesto. It was 3 o'clock in the evening when I got it there and I left to go back to the winery at about 9 p.m. I passed through Stockton and about eight miles north of there I met a car coming from the opposite direction with real bright lights.

Car Without Lights  
I put my lights on dim, but he didn't, so I put mine on dim again. The second I turned them down a car without lights loomed up in front of me. I tried to miss it and crashed into the car with the glaring headlights.

At the time I had my wife and sister in law with me at the boss's request. I got out of the truck, helped my wife and sister in law out (they were badly cut up) and then I went to the other car and helped those people out. There were four of them. I had somebody call an ambulance and did everything in my power to get the injured to the hospital at the time, forgetting all about the car ahead of me without lights—the one that was the cause of the whole accident.

### Refused to Investigate

Then the highway patrol came. I told them that I was the truck driver and that I was at fault as between me and the car I crashed into, but that there was a car in front of me without lights that was the cause of it. After investigation, one of the officers took me to Lodi which was the place I was headed for before the crash.

One and a half miles north we came upon the car that was in front of me. It was parked along the highway, still without lights. I asked the officer to stop and get his license number but he said he didn't have time.

He took me to the waterworks in Lodi. I asked him to let me use the phone and get somebody out there to get that car without lights. He refused to let me use the phone or come along with me. He left me there and went to the hospital to see the injured. He didn't give me a chance to do anything for myself. He was just trying to get all the evidence he could against me.

Still Refused to Investigate  
When he got to the hospital the four people in the other car were dead. So he questioned my wife. She told him just how it happened, so he must have been and of disappointed because he couldn't get anything against me. He came back and took me to Stockton.

On the way down we passed that car without lights again. I begged him to stop. I told him it wouldn't be gone by morning. "I haven't got time," he said.

In Stockton the district attorney and cops grilled me for three hours and told them just how it happened, that's all I could, but they thought I was lying. At 3 a.m. they put me in jail.

### Denied Medical Aid

I was all bruised up and had a big piece of glass in my eye. The second day in jail I asked for medical attention. I couldn't get that. The morning after the crash the boss came down to bail me out. I told them the same story and told them to go and find the car that loomed up in front of me that night. They left and I didn't see anybody for three days. I asked to use the phone a dozen times and they finally gave me permission. I called the boss and told him if he wasn't going to bail me out, he said: "Hell, no, find your own way out and if you get out you had better keep going, because people will hang you around here. Didn't you know that I didn't have any insurance on that truck?"

### Denied Legal Aid

The next day the lawyer came to see me and said the boss had told him to lay off the case, that he was not going to pay him. My bail was set at \$5000. Later it was reduced to \$2000. I had my wife borrow \$200 and the bonding company to get out, but all evidence had disappeared by then. That was three weeks after the accident.

I was just about blind by then from that piece of glass in my eye. I had to have an operation on my eye to remove it and five stitches in my eyeball. It's all right now, thank God. They tried to get me to plead guilty, but I told them I would fight to the last ditch for my rights.

So the hard-earned money I had saved and could borrow is all gone—\$850—and I'm still found guilty. I had two trials, the first the jury disagreed. It was nine to three for acquittal. The second jury was nothing but a dirty frame-up. They went out and came back with a verdict of guilty.

### Patrol on Spot

They had to win, for it would have made it bad for the highway patrol for not picking up that car without lights. Now the boss won't give me my job back or help me out on any of the expense because I joined an organization.

He tells me to go to Hell and did everything in his power to find me guilty so that I would be out of the way and he could hire whomever he wants to. It doesn't make any difference now. I will probably be sent to San Quentin prison for from four to 12 years. Not because I'm guilty, but just to save the face of the highway patrol and the District Attorney's office.

Now, I'm asking you, is that protection for a working man? The boss should have had insurance on his truck and everything would be over with.

—Alexander Lerner

## Striking Cleaners Are Arrested for Demanding Relief

By a Cleaning Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—Two hundred striking members of the United Cleaners & Dyers Union massed at city relief headquarters at Mason and Clay Sts. last Wednesday in a demonstration intending to bring to the attention of the relief officials the plight of the approximately 30 of their members who had been refused aid.

### Strikebreaker Small

On three occasions a union committee had been refused relief for needy members. According to applicants who have individually sought relief during the past month, the apparent intention of the relief officials is to compel workers on strike to scab on themselves and their fellow workers by forcing them to return to their jobs. Several unsuccessful applicants declare the agency is acting as a strike-breaking headquarters.

When the delegation was refused admittance at the main entrance, the body went to the back door which was unlocked but held shut from the inside by an employee. After entrance was made at the rear door, the delegation was met outside Administrator Small's office but was refused entrance as a body.

Sam Shasky, union president, was also refused admittance to Mr. Small's inner sanctum. The gentleman refused to see anyone but instead called the police.

The "law and order" forces commanded the delegation to go outside. When they refused to move until aid was forthcoming, three loads of citizens and taxpayers who were insisting on their civil rights were charged off to jail. There they were carried with "disturbing the peace" and held on \$25 bail each.

A union survey showed those arrested for seeking aid are sole supporters of their families.

## CIO Field Union Kitchen Started

By a Worker Correspondent  
KNIGHTS LANDING, Yolo County—At our regular business meeting Sept. 22, it was decided to sell meal tickets to the members of the union to start a union kitchen in the rear of the CIO hall. Some \$42.50 worth of tickets were sold. The membership is confident of the success of the venture and believes it will encourage a wider paid-up membership.

The paid-up membership in Field Workers Union, Local 33 (CIO), now numbers 43, and the kitchen operating without profits is just one of the tactics to be employed to encourage the workers and reap the benefits of organized efforts.

## WEBER NO AID TO MUSICIANS

Union Head Doesn't Help  
20,000 Jobless

By a Musician  
SAN FRANCISCO—About seven years ago, 18 to 20 thousand musicians gainfully employed in moving picture theatres had been displaced by sound pictures.

In Hollywood about 400 musicians can probably fill the needs of motion picture producers in making film records. If it were humanly possible to disperse with the services of the "select four hundred," the producers would not hesitate to eliminate them.

When the movie theatres threw out their orchestras, Joseph N. Weber, President of the American Federation of Musicians, gave us the argument that we could not stop "progress" and seemed in a more or less helpless state to handle the situation at that time and has done nothing since to remedy the situation.

Thousands of musicians, who are still capable performers on their instruments and experienced in concert and theatre work, are now on WPA and relief rolls.

This year a heroic, but isolated attempt by the fighting New York Local to get the musicians back into the theatres met with but little success. A successful fight can only be achieved by a firm stand on the part of every red-blooded local in our American Federation of Musicians. Moreover, this fight can only be waged effectively by a rank and file movement.

No Unity Between Crafts  
If we intend to wait for any suggestion about getting musicians back into the theatres from our federation officers (drawing big fat salaries and trust funds), we have to wait until hell freezes over.

Most of us former theatre musicians have been under the impression that there was a standing agreement between the stage hands, operators and musicians, which protected each other in their employment. In other words, all three crafts must work together in the theatres, or none at all. What has become of this agreement?

Why were the musicians kicked out of the theatres when sound pictures came in, without recourse to the aforementioned agreement? This is something for our national officers to explain to the rank and file and also to let us know how much longer the musicians are going to be barred out of the motion picture theatres.

### Prices Raised

The "first run" movie theatres have recently raised the admission charge from forty cents to fifty-five cents, with some talk of raising it further to sixty-five cents, and still no living music in the theatres. Well maybe the government can do something about it. From all reports, the governments of other countries have long since done something about it and the musicians are working in the theatres in those countries.

Perhaps the CIO could help us out of this dilemma.

## New Mexico People Beat Reactionaries

By a Worker Correspondent  
ROSOWELL, New Mexico—A notable victory for the working class was made in New Mexico yesterday in defeating the constitutional amendments at the rate of two to one. These nefarious amendments were designed to place New Mexico permanently in the hands of gang politics, which have given the present reactionary set-up a hold upon the people that would have been difficult to remove by the ballot.

## RICHMOND CITY ATT'Y ASSISTS STANDARD OIL

Attacks CIO, Praises Oil  
Empire at Meeting of  
Company Union

By an Oil Worker  
RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—At a meeting of the Richmond Standard Oil Employees Assn., company union, here on September 29, Tom Carlson, city attorney of Richmond and also Standard Oil attorney, opened his speech by mentioning that the CIO Intl. Oil Workers had petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election at the El Segundo plant of the Standard Oil Co. to determine whether they had collective bargaining rights in that refinery.

### Tries to Block CIO Union

Carlson stated that Fred Phillips, Oil Workers Union representative, had testified before the Shell Oil Co. hearing that the elections should be conducted on a state-wide basis in the manufacturing department of the Shell, and that he asked J. C. Coulter, union representative, why he asked for such a state-wide election in Shell and only wants an election in a single plant of the Standard Oil. Coulter replied that that is the only place we have any members.

### Speaks for Co. Union

The position taken by the Standard Oil Co. at the hearing was that the men had to choose the organization they wanted to represent them, said Carlson. Carlson's opinion was that the men would make a great mistake in choosing the Oil Workers Union. He said:

"If you choose the Oil Workers Union, I am afraid you will lose the good standing and relations you have had in the past. The Standard Oil Co. pays the highest wage of any company in the U. S. and if the Oil Workers Union is your representative, I am afraid that you will lose what it has taken you years to get."

### Lies About Union

Carlson said the trouble with the workers is that they have been in the habit of letting someone else do their thinking for them. He said the Oil Workers Union was handing out propaganda there that night and also passed out pamphlets at the Standard Oil gates at a salary of \$200 to \$500 per month. ("!!")

### Works for Standard Oil Profits

Carlson said: "I have done an awful lot of work. However, I realize some of you fellows think that all an attorney does is to sit around and smoke high-priced cigars, but I had to analyze five volumes and write five briefs in one week. I have a bill for \$750. I had to make two airplane trips to Los Angeles and had to fly back to Washington, D. C. I have spent a lot of my own good money but I am not begging you for any money and am not as much as asking a thank you."

"The thing that I am interested in is some of you old timers working at the Standard Oil Co., whom I have known for many years, and all I ask of you is to wake up and take an interest in this organization, as it is the organization that will do the most good."

Sam Herrod presented his credentials at the door asking to represent the Oil Workers Union, as secretary of Local 326, but they were never read on the floor or even mentioned but were handed back to him with the statement that there was nothing they could do for him.

Local 326 is going to expose the lies of this Standard Oil stooge.

## BUILDING TRADES' FIGHT FOR 6-HOUR DAY GROWS IN S.F.

Plasterers, Hod Carriers Are  
Solid Against Arbitration

By a Bldg. Trades Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The regular meeting of the Building Trades Six Hour Day Conference was held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29.

The meeting showed a marked increase in the interest and enthusiasm for the six-hour day among building trades workers. It was reported that the Building Council was going to try to force the Plasterers and Hod Carriers to accept arbitration on the six-hour day issue.

### Will Fight to End

This, the delegates from those crafts report, will be fought to the end by the membership. All delegates were requested to contact members of the Building Trades Council to demand that they vote down the issue of arbitration.

The Laborers' Union showed its progressive advancement by instructing its delegates to propose the issuance of another leaflet to the members of the building crafts, popularizing the six-hour movement.

### Movement Picks Up

A general revival of the six-hour day movement was instituted. Delegates are going before all locals to speak with the object of creating a general interest in this important move.

With the steady increase in unemployment it is not hard to see what a great benefit the six-hour day would be.

## Labor Racketeer Is AFL "Organizer"

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Paul Feliciano, labor racketeer expelled from the Alaska Cannery Workers Union for anti-union activities, is now here assisting M. Z. Lozano in organizing the newly chartered phoney AFL Union 21161 set up by Ed Vandeleur about three months ago in the jurisdiction of the bona-fide ACWU 20195.

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## 'Great Men'

HENRY FORD  
(1863—?)

By a Worker Correspondent

Ford is with us still . . . but soon  
He will assemble on the moon,  
He'll speed up angels buildings Fords,  
And spy on them with little lugs;  
Spurred by the ghosts of Bennett's thugs  
They'll join his League of Loyal Lugs.  
Oh what a heavenly place to be,  
Just him and God and monopoly.  
—DAVE WILLIAM.

Only Masks Saved Them From Henry's Spies



SOME of the 600 Ford workers who marched in Detroit's huge Labor Day parade wearing black masks to conceal their identity and protect themselves from slugging and discharge. Henry's elaborate spy system could not stop this procession of AFL and CIO workers—the greatest in the history of Detroit.

## LINK BUZZELL TO RAIDS BY GOON SQUADS

Militant CIO Organizers  
Seriously Injured  
By Terrorists

LOS ANGELES—Gangsterism in the guise of AFL Teamster officials' thugs broke loose here last week. One hundred, big brave, brawny goons wearing brown shirts and Teamster's Union buttons, directed and led by several men dressed in business suits, ruthlessly attacked two leaders of the United Crackery, Bakery & Confectioners CIO union as they attempted to leave a plant where they were in conference with workers.

Only murderous sadists could have kicked and slugged the way those blood-mad men went at the two defenseless workers, probably crippling one for life. They kicked, and kicked and yelled, "You CIO, if you ever come back around here again we'll kill you!"

### "Buzzard" for Bosses

Everyone here knows the two militant leader, Eli Epstein and Joe Mandermark. And we all realize that a gang cannot disguise the fact that "Buzzard" buzzell head of the AFL Labor Council, is a labor faker stooging for the Chamber of Commerce, using the Teamsters Union as a mask, sending several goon squads to Northrop Aircraft to beat up CIO workers, and two weeks ago setting up the Upholsterers Union workers with bats and clubs. Buzzell is trying to break the CIO in L. A. by starting on the smaller and newer unions.

Eli Epstein, one of the youngest CIO organizers, was indirectly threatened a long time ago for his militant activity as an organizer calling for unity of AFL and CIO bakery workers. Mandermark, a fighting progressive in labor unions for many years, told the writer many months ago that he was tipped off that the Chamber of Commerce was out to get him.

### Buzzell's Record

Only a few days ago, the C. of C. president told newspapers that Los Angeles was always an open shop town and that he would see it remained so. This proves more than anything else that it's class war, war between the Chamber of Commerce and the working class. And Buzzell is the labor faker mask for them.

It's this same Buzzell whom the writer saw walk out of a judges' chamber where he "fixed it up" for a stool-pigeon named Algiers who was sent into the Bakers' Union (then AFL) to break up the work of Mandermark and Epstein.

It's this same Buzzell whose name appeared on an affidavit sent to all local unions stating he was receiving pay from the sheriff's office. He has proven his worth to his masters.

### General Hospital Workers CIO

Did police do anything when the riot call was sent? Of course not. They came ten minutes after the merciless assault took place. They just didn't know what it was all about. Oh, no, not much. So they didn't arrest anyone.

At the receiving hospital absolutely nothing was done for either men. They were CIO leaders. By the way, the Hospital was different. The writer accompanied Epstein there. When the hospital workers found out who he was, they were all attention. And for a darn good reason. The General Hospital went CIO! One of their own kind was beaten up. Two nurses and two orderlies watched over him.

"Did a fellow worker beat you up?" asked a fine, elderly nurse.

"No, gangsters," shot out Epstein, who was in fine spirits after he heard they went CIO. And because of this, I left Epstein humming a tune—in spite of his broken nose and a possible fractured skull.

In spite of several broken ribs, deep contusions of the head and several internal injuries that might cripple him for life, Mandermark was still able to speak. He let them know what it was all about: "That's fascism! There's fascism in L. A."

AFL rank and filers have showed disgust for the misleading policies of their "leaders." This open display of gangsterism has aroused them to a fighting pitch. Everybody in the labor movement is raging mad about Buzzell's "latest." Buzzell had better start signing his own walking papers.

### Want Unity

The AFL Bakers' Union members have shown open friendship towards Epstein and Mandermark. They want unity, too. Epstein asks them through me to refuse to pay their dues.

## ARIZONA AFL MEET WISHED SUCCESS TO OUSTED CIO MINERS

Expulsion Followed Order  
From William Green

By a Worker Correspondent

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Enclosed you will find a clipping taken from the local press relative to the concluded 1937 state AFL convention which was held in Miami, center of much mining activity in Arizona.

Delegates to the annual Arizona convention of the AFL affirmed action of the federation's executive board in "disassociating" from the state organization, unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

### Wished Success to Miners

The convention, which a year ago endorsed the CIO at Tucson, extended a wish for "every measure of success" to the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, of Bisbee and Miami, the only organization affected by the "disassociation."

John J. Durkin, retiring president of the federation, said the action followed the executive committee's step in ejecting CIO affiliates, taken after "a personal representative of William Green" addressed committee men at a meeting in Phoenix last June.

### Resolutions

A resolution, to be sent to President Roosevelt, said the state labor federation "stands 100 per cent back of the administration."

Another resolution, unanimously adopted, declared the unions will oppose efforts of the Arizona Municipal League to "prevent payment of the minimum wages fixed by the state legislature" for police and firemen.

## New Phoney Union Offered Vandeleur

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—The Filipino labor racketeers of the Filipino employment agency at Washington St. near Kearney St. are negotiating with Ed. Vandeleur to obtain a charter for an Alaska Cannery Workers Union. But they'll have a tough time misleading Filipino workers or any other workers against our union.

Vandeleur has already chartered a phoney Alaska Cannery Union in the jurisdiction of the bona fide ACWU, but he is not above chartering another phoney union in the same jurisdiction.

### ACWU Will Be CIO

According to information recently received by the writer, the CIO and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific will not recognize any Vandeleur "union" chartered in the jurisdiction of the bona fide ACWU which was chartered in the spring of 1936.

By the time this article appears in the Western Worker, the CIO and the Maritime Federation will be about 77 per cent CIO.

By the time the Alaska cannery workers will start for Alaska in 1938 possibly the entire Federation will be CIO, so who is going to take the other two phoney Vandeleur "unions" to Alaska?

Perhaps, Mr. McLaughlin, it will be one of your men you paid \$10 a day to picket the waterfront?

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

"Progress vs. Gangsterism in the AFL," an article on the recent California State Federation of Labor Convention--Los Angeles CIO demands Grand Jury investigate "Goon" Squad Cars; Many Thugs Wanted as Criminals

Western Worker Identifies Thugs Hired by AFL Officials

EXPOSE SHOWS HOW "GOONS" OPERATE IN BRUTAL ATTACKS ON CIO MEN IN LOS ANGELES

Lists Descriptions, License Numbers of "Goon" Squad Cars; Many Thugs Wanted as Criminals

(Los Angeles W. W. Bureau) LOS ANGELES—Names, addresses and descriptions of thugs hired by AFL officials, was but one phase of details uncovered by Western Worker reporters here last week in connection with an investigation into the continued beatings of CIO workers by "goon squads."

First, and foremost perhaps, was the disclosure showing how, through the use of only 30 thugs, Teamsters' Union officials are able to compel hundreds of honest workers to serve in the murderous "beef squads."

Once known, the method appears simple, for the budgeon tactics of "goons" are crude as they are ruthless. And one needs to observe them in operation to appreciate fully their deadly intent.

For example, a picture typical of "goon" activities in Los Angeles begins at their headquarters, which is the office of "Boss" Duggan, secretary of the Teamsters Union here, located at 1058 West 60th St.

Here the force of about 80 is divided into small groups. Each "goon" is armed with a revolver (though none of them carry gun permits) and a black jack or baseball bat. Instructions are issued concerning what sluggings are to be carried out on that particular day.

"Goon" Cars Listed Some of the groups are then provided with cars owned by Local 208, and which are used exclusively by "goon squads." Others driving their own cars will be named later. Descriptions and license numbers of the union cars follow:

Black 1936 Ford sedan, license 6M9116; Gray 1935 Dodge sedan, 7U8965; Green Plymouth sedan, 5V7643; Gray 1936 Chevrolet sedan, 6M1091.

One of these cars is marked with an "X" and is authorized to carry a Tommy sub-machine gun.

The "goons" then drive over the city to places where teamsters congregate. Workers are approached in an ominously serious manner and the conversation goes something like this:

How They "Recruit" "Goon: You, Jones, Smith, Brown, Kelly, come here. This is your day on the picket line."

Worker: Sure, what picket line? "Goon: You fellows all have jobs? Married? Kids? Debts?"

Worker: Yes, certainly. Most of us.

Goon: Well, this isn't a picket line, exactly. We're going out and dump some of those CIO b-----s.

Worker: Not me, I haven't anything against those guys. They're trying to earn a living same as we are.

Goon: Now look here, I'm not asking you, I'm telling you. Those who don't like it can turn in their union books and get off their jobs. Come on, let's go.

And thus the "goon squad" is formed. The next step is a savage attack upon CIO workers.

CIO SEEKS GRAND JURY PROBE INTO 'GOON' ATTACKS

Affidavits Prove Los Angeles AFL Officials Culpable

LOS ANGELES — Exerting every pressure to spur county and city police into pursuance of their sworn duty to extend protection to CIO workers against attacks of thugs hired by AFL officials, CIO officials here last week dispatched a letter to the grand jury, addressed to Foreman John Bauer, demanding an investigation.

"During the past six months between 30 and 40 men have been brutally beaten and slugged by gangsters operating within the confines of Los Angeles County," stated the letter. "In only one instance have any arrests been made."

Ample Proof "We have ample evidence to prove that high officials in the AFL are directing the numerous assaults upon the life and limb of L. A. citizens."

This letter is written in the hope and belief that the L. A. County grand jury will launch an immediate investigation of these attacks upon peaceable citizens. We are prepared to present to you some 15 affidavits from men who have been seriously injured by the paid gangsters of certain labor leaders. These documents will serve to show the extent of the terrorism which we have mentioned, the obvious failure of the local authorities to act and will show as well the conspiracy which exists behind these cases of violence."

Be a Life! Get the Daily "Western" for Life by Raising 100 Dollars

California workers, shocked and enraged by the gangster-type methods used by State Federation of Labor officials to retain their throttling grasp on the recent convention in Long Beach, are looking now toward Denver where the American Federation of Labor convention is now under way.

Knowing that Vandeleur, McLaughlin, Buzzell & Co. are reflections of William Green, Matthew Woll, John P. Frey, Wm. Hutcheson & Co., they were looking for progressive forces to make a determined fight against gangster tactics in the AFL at this convention in Denver.

Following is an analysis of the recent State Federation convention, prepared by the State Trade Union Dept. of the Communist Party of California:

The 1937 State Federation of Labor convention opened with the most reactionary forces of the state labor movement in complete control and determined to crush by force and intimidation all opposition to their program.

From the very start it was evident that the policy of the convention was to be dictated by the Teamsters' State Council and applied with the active assistance of the top officials of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and Secretary Vandeleur.

The entire proceedings of the Convention indicated very clearly that the top officials were placing their main dependence for maintaining the American Federation of Labor in California on the use of gangster tactics and by receiving the active support of the employees.

Figures Exaggerated

Every attempt was made by Vandeleur to give the impression that the convention represented a powerful, growing labor movement. His report of the membership represented by the convention delegates was grossly

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

MR. JOE ANDERSON, average Longshoreman, bought a paper at the corner and boarded a car headed for the waterfront. It was 6 o'clock in the morning, but the car was crowded and so Joe stood in the rear and tried to read.

First he looked for the waterfront news. It was there, on the front page, misleading headlines, twisted quotations, perverted motives and all. But Mr. Joe Anderson knew that you had to read between the lines.

Nevertheless a puzzled frown wrinkled his forehead as he tried to separate the chaff from the wheat. The story said "Continued on page 11, Column 6," but Joe didn't bother to turn. Instead he read about China. It seemed the Japanese were winning and the Chinese were winning.

Then his eye caught an item on Spain. Franco had won a smashing victory. But buried in the middle of the story was a paragraph that told how the Loyalists had taken hundreds of prisoners and had advanced another quarter of mile on the Madrid front.

"Miss Lottadough"

When Joe Anderson finally reached "Page 11, Column 6," he discovered there a two-column statement by Harry Bridges. The front page had been given over to excerpts from a statement by a teamster union official. That statement also was printed on "Page 11" beside a picture of the teamster official.

Next Joe read the comics. The frown left his brow, but when he turned to the marine page—so-called—it returned. There he read how Mr. Alex Lottadough's daughter had returned via the "Matson luxury liner Lurline" from a delightful vacation in Honolulu. She would attend Stanford University during the winter months, it seemed. There was a picture of Miss Lottadough, legs and all.

As Joe Anderson rounded the corner at Embarcadero and Clay Streets someone handed him a leaflet. It was signed by the officials and sub-officials of a seafaring union. It called the ILA phoney, in so many words, and referred, of course, to the "Bridges stooges" and the "Commie newspapers." It read like a Hearst editorial, no less, so Joe crumpled it in his fist and tossed it to the gutter.

He also dropped the newspaper he had been reading. Subscriptions and donations are being taken now and the line forms on the right.

Workers Won Strike at Blubber Bay Lime Co.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Recognition of a shop committee was the result of a strike at the Blubber Bay Lime Co. plant at Blubber Bay, after seven weeks' strike.

Need "Western" Habit

He plugged in the board and joined a group of fellow stevedores to discuss union affairs. Spain, China and the rest of the world. The sentiment was pro-CIO, anti-Fascist, pro-Marine Federation, pro-unity. But there

was a definite lack of specific information on practically every subject. Most of the group had read the morning paper.

The discussion was continued over a cup of coffee. There was confusion, confusion and more confusion. The confusion existed in direct proportion to the amount of capitalist press trash each man had absorbed.

The whole trouble with Joe Anderson and his fellow longshoremen was they hadn't formed the Western Worker habit. The Western Worker is a semi-weekly. Things move rapidly nowadays. It is impossible for the Western Worker to keep in daily touch with everything.

Well, on January 1, 1918, this situation no longer will obtain. For on that date the Western Worker becomes the Western Daily Worker, six pages big, with full waterfront coverage, leased news service and all the rest of the advantages enjoyed by daily newspapers.

No more need to puzzle over lies and twisted capitalist press reports. The latest and the true reportage of daily events on the waterfront, in politics, on international affairs. And daily interpretations and analyses of the most important events. Editorials that are written with an eye to the wealthy advertisers or the shipowner who owns stock in the paper.

Come January 1, 1938, there can be no excuse for a puzzled frown on Mr. Joe Anderson's forehead. Not if he reads the Western Daily Worker.

Of course it takes money—plenty of it—to put out a daily newspaper. No donation is too small—and none too large. You can hand the cash to the fellow who will approach you with a collection list, you can send it to 121 Haight street, or you can turn it in at the Embarcadero Book Shop.

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No Lemon Here



MISS MARILYN HUBER, Orange Queen at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, poses among some of the prize fruit that will be exhibited in the court of agriculture.

AFL 'ORGANIZER' GOT NO SYMPATHY IN CRESCENT CITY

Even Traveling Salesman Turned Out for CIO for CIO

EUREKA, Humboldt County — Although Crescent City lumber workers are practically 100 per cent organized in the CIO, this did not stop Don Cameron, representative of the Carpenters & Joiners, AFL, from attempting to sign some of the men into his organization.

A committee met with Mr. Cameron in a hotel lobby and informed him that neither himself, nor his ideas were needed or wanted in Crescent City. He called the police who did nothing. He then told his troubles to a traveling salesman who turned out to be a strong CIO man.

Mr. Cameron has not been seen in this vicinity since that time.

Can Workers Union Has Closed Shop Agreement

By a Worker Correspondent SAN FRANCISCO—The Can Workers Union, Local 20278, is now operating under a closed shop agreement with workers desiring employment registering at the office of the union.

Write-in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!

2000 FARMERS VOTE 4-to-1 FOR CIO IN EASTERN OKLAHOMA

50 Delegates Hear President of CIO Agricultural Union

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Two thousand Eastern Oklahoma farmers, members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, have voted 4 to 1 to affiliate with the CIO. Otis Sweden, district chairman of the SFTU, announced here.

Fifty delegates from Eastern Oklahoma locals heard Donald Henderson, national president of the United Cannery, Packing, Agricultural & Allied Workers (CIO) report on progress of the organizational drive in the south.

Field Union Sets Up New Headquarters in Mt. View

SAN JOSE—Formerly located at 72 North 2nd St. here, the United Cannery, Packing, Agricultural & Allied Workers Local 11, has new headquarters at Julian Hall, Mountain View.

Goering Brings Colic

DRESDEN, Germany — If you have to eat Goering's 4-year plan bread, don't drink any water afterwards! The onetime staff of life, a la Nazi, is made of all sorts of inferior grains. The mixture has caused a raging epidemic of colic which made it necessary for schools here to suspend classes. The health department sent out warnings about avoiding water while eating the breadly concoction.

Point of Order A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

WHENEVER the William Greens, the Ed Vandeleurs, the John P. McLaughlins feel hard pressed to defend their betrayal of labor, they always fall back on what they consider the "old reliable." They red bait. They mouth threats against Communists. They order "purg es" of Communists from trade unions.

It doesn't work like it used to and in Montana the phonograph needle seems to be stuck per manently. Recently William F. Dunne, Montana state secretary of the Communist Party, was enthusiastically received when he spoke before the Silver Bow Trades & Labor Council on the expulsion of Professor Philip O. Keeney as librarian of the University of Montana.

Dunne was hailed by the Montana Labor News, state organized labor organ, as a "former resident of Butte and former member of the Electricians Union, now known throughout the length and breadth of the land as a fearless champion of social economic rights of the people."

And the Montana Labor News reproduced Dunne's complete speech in the most prominent spot on its front page.

Sad News for Green

THE Montana Federation of Labor, AFL, is instituting court proceedings to force Prof. Keeney's reinstatement. He was discharged because of his union activities.

While the Silver Bow council delegates applauded, Dunne declared: "The discharge of Prof. Keeney clearly for his activity in organizing a local union of the American Federation of Teachers on the University of Montana campus, and for his frank views on academic freedom and progressive education, is one of those issues that clarify greatly a long existing and increasingly intolerable situation in the state's chief educational institution."

This incident is sad, sad news for Green, Vandeleur, McLaughlin, etc. But it's the coming thing in the labor movement. More and more workers are learning that Communists are among the best fighters for unionism and for progress.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

RELIEF FIGHT WON BY WIVES OF STRIKERS

Pressure Forces LACRA to Give Aid to Families Of Tunnel Men

LOS ANGELES — A militant group of wives of the San Jacinto tunnel strikers, wrung a measure of relief from LACRA officials here last week.

Following more than two weeks of broken promises, State Administrator Harold Pomeroy, the ten women and about two dozen children descended on relief headquarters, 741 South Flower St., demanding aid.

Animated by what they considered the outrageous efforts of relief authorities to break the strike, the strikers had voted by a huge majority to demand immediate action. Though, earlier, they had been reluctant to seek county relief.

The delegation faced Assistant Administrator Heck with such pressure that he was forced to place all the families on the relief rolls.

Bob Randolph, strike committee member, declared other needy strikers' families would be brought to quarters at once.

During the more than two weeks the members of the strike committee had been attempting to obtain relief, they had been shunted back and forth between Riverside relief headquarters and those in Los Angeles.

Run-Around

They were turned down in Los Angeles because, though legal residents, they resided in Riverside County. And in Riverside, they were turned down because, though living there, they were resident of L. A.

Besides, the committee was told at both places that it would have to show there were no jobs for them with the Metropolitan Water District. And every pressure was brought against miners and other skilled workers to induce them to scab.

The delegation came into Los Angeles in a caravan of cars bearing posters with such slogans as "Stop Fascism in Riverside County," "We Can't Scab—We Won't Starve," "Stop Acquiescent Brutalities," "Make the Metropolitan Water District Negotiate—Save Tax Money."

Vigilantes Fail to Disrupt CIO Union Meeting in Modesto

MODESTO, Stanislaus County —With more than 125 members of the Associated Farmers present, the CIO Agricultural Workers Union held a successful open meeting here September 26. Although rumors of impending trouble were current before the meeting, it passed without disruption. In fact a number of farmers applauded the union speakers.

Vigilantes Present

Present also were members of the Stanislaus Citizens Council, a vigilante group composed of the more reactionary organizations here, and of the Modesto Motorcycle Club, Citizens Council affiliate.

The 800 Motorcycle Club members are deputized and recently waged an unsuccessful fight to have the city provide them with uniforms, clubs and other policemen's equipment.

The farmers and their supporters waited outside the hall until just before the meeting began and then marched in a body. The entire audience was attentive while the CIO program of cooperation with working farmers for the organization of agricultural workers was presented.

Orderly Meeting

Later several provocative questions were asked during the question period, but the audience filed out in an orderly manner at the end, when the meeting was adjourned.

Speakers were Vivian Dahl, who brought greetings from the agricultural workers of New Jersey, A. C. Rogers, Northern California Director of the Cannery & Agricultural Organizing Committee, and Stanley Hancock, CIO Agricultural Organizer for San Joaquin Valley. G. Kircher presided.

Business Agent Bob Says

JUST as the Teamster officials have come out as agricultural experts, it begins to look like the Teamster rank and file will "plow them under."

Progress vs. Gangsterism in the AFL

exaggerated. The method used to compute the convention representation actually raised the total to three times the true figure. The voting strength of each region was averaged on the basis of the 1935 per capita of 1c a member instead of the present basis of per capita payments of 3c per member.

Furthermore, a number of the more reactionary unions were credited with membership even above the point which was arrived at on the above basis of computation.

There was a noticeable absence of certain liberal, progressive elements which usually attend the state Federation convention. Also, absence of the ILA delegation removed any strong center around which to rally the other progressive delegates.

In spite of these less favorable conditions, the progressive caucus called by the California Conference of Councils the day prior to the convention, had approximately 100 in attendance. However, when the reactionary machine launched its physical attacks and other forms of intimidation, the majority of the delegates who participated in the progressive caucus were silenced, and a few of the opportunistic elements went completely over to the camp of the machine.

Physical Assaults The first move to eliminate and crush all opposition to the open around the adoption of the credentials committee report. In accordance with the strategy of the machine, after the reading of the report Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, moved that the credentials presented by the delegates from four of the smaller Central Labor bodies, the credentials of certain other progressive delegates, as well as those from all CIO unions be referred to the committee.

The Central Labor Councils

as endorsing a joint conference between representatives of the CIO and AFL was the first resolution of this nature to be brought before the convention.

Although there was apparently a wide sentiment among the delegates favoring this resolution, the vicious attack of the machine against the introducer of this resolution stopped any extended discussion. The position adopted by the machine spokesmen on this resolution and similar ones, was that they did not recognize the CIO as a bona fide labor organization.

Program Railroaded

Their program was for an unqualified policy of extermination, not only of the CIO unions but also of all individuals within the State Federation of Labor who favored a program of working in harmony with the CIO.

The vote on this resolution, which was railroaded through, indicated that there was considerable support among the delegates for a program of unity with the CIO.

At every opportunity, the machine spokesmen made vicious attacks against the National Labor Relations Board. Their main attack was occasioned by the reporting out of the resolution submitted by the progressive caucus which called for increasing the personnel of the California regional offices. Their main objection to the actions of the board was the fact that the board was forcing the officialdom of some of the reactionary AFL unions into a position where they must submit to democratic referendum in jurisdictional disputes between the CIO and AFL.

Railroad Democracy The resolution sponsored by the progressive caucus on the democratic elections of district vice-presidents of the State Federation of Labor, was the most difficult for the machine to de-

feat. Even very conservative delegates from the various districts spoke in favor of this resolution. However, the steering committee of the machine had referred to the constitution committee and this committee brought in a decision for non-concurrence for a number of technical reasons. A motion to adopt the committee's report was railroaded through with considerable opposition.

There was no resolution dealing with political action. The only resolution which finally came before the convention along this line was one endorsing election of state senators on the basis of population, and favoring a unicameral legislature. It was evident that the machine had no definite policy on this resolution so even though the committee recommended referring it to the executive board, the subject matter of the resolution was finally adopted by the convention.

Byron Scott, congressman, one of the guest speakers, made a very convincing speech for progressive political action by labor and was favorably received by almost the entire convention.

During the course of the convention, there were a number of delegates from various districts who, as individuals, took some very progressive positions in direct opposition to the will of the machine. In the face of the open intimidation, it was impossible for the majority of such progressive forces to come to one central progressive meeting.

Delegates Disappointed

The disregard of any democratic procedure by the State Federation officials and their reactionary supporters divorced them from a great number of old-time conservative delegates. The disapproval of their tactics was displayed mainly in the following manner: first, that a great many delegates removed

their delegate's badge as soon as they left the convention hall at the time of each recess; second that at the last sessions of the convention, the attendance had dropped by more than one-third.

As indicated by the expressions made by a number of the progressive delegates at the convention, there will be a number of these delegates who will recommend to their unions with withdrawal from the State Federation. While the intentions behind such moves are caused by resentment against actions of the reactionary officials of the State Federation, this should not become the main program of the progressive forces.

Recommendations

In order to crystallize the widespread resentment of convention delegates and other individuals in the labor movement, the following recommendations are made:

1. Conferences that shall include representatives from all unions which are opposed to the gangster rule in the state labor movement.

2. That the delegates who attended the San Pedro progressive caucus should at the earliest possible date be called together to work out a common program for two conferences, one centering around the progressive delegates in Los Angeles, the other in San Francisco.

3. That adequate publicity be issued to the entire membership of the State Federation of Labor, giving the inside facts on the gangster tactics employed by the officials of the State Federation. Such publicity should include affidavits from those individuals who were either victims or witnesses of the gangster attacks.

4. That at this time we discourage all moves for a campaign of withdrawal of AFL unions from the State Federation of Labor.